

## **Tillamook County Library Board Minutes – May 8, 2018**

**Board Members Present:** (y) Shiela Zerngast, (y) Betsy Chase, (y) Chris Chiola, (y) Bob Favret, (n) Cheryl Hantke, (y) Ruth LaFrance (y) Neal Lemery

Staff Present: (n) Sara Charlton, (n) Sarah Beeler, (y) Bill Landau (y) Jessica Darling

**Guests:** Ruth Metz, David McCall, Melanie Hetrick, Angela Arena

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Shiela Zerngast at 12:00 am.

Motion made to approve the February minutes by Ruth LaFrance, seconded by Bob Favret, all in favor. Motion to approve the budget tabled until June meeting.

### **Ruth Metz Report:**

Ruth Metz reported preliminary economic feasibility study findings. She will work with the Strategic Planning Committee, on refinements, when the initial draft is complete. She suggested scheduling a Board of County Commissioner (BOCC) workshop in early June, to review it.

She discussed issues comparing Tillamook County Library to libraries with similar populations. Differences include: other libraries are often supported at a city or county level in ways that TCL is not, and libraries not on levies do not carry reserves. She complimented the cost saving agreements Tillamook County Library has with branch cities, this lean approach is not common.

Motion to make arrangements for a work session with the BOCC in early June was made by Bob Favret and seconded by Neal Lemery.

### **Director's Report:**

Sara participated via conference call from Washington DC, where she had the honor of leading the Oregon delegation's participation in the ALA National Library Legislation Day. The delegation met with Senators to discuss LSTA funding and broadband access. They received strong bipartisan support.

Bill discussed the ALA conference in June. Neal Lemery made the motion reaffirming the board's support to send staff to National conferences, such as the ALA. Bob Favret seconded the motion, all in favor.

The Summer Reading Program (SRP) will run June 11<sup>th</sup> – August 4th. Bill gave an overview of the online registration program, that will better capture data and streamline statistics.

Melanie Hetrick, the Children's Librarian, gave an overview of the Children's SRP, prizes and party. This year's theme is music. The Grub Club will serve free lunches to children and teens again this year.

Angela Arena, the Teen Librarian, gave an overview of the Teen SRP and prizes. She then presented an outline on the development of a Teen Advisory Council. The board was enthusiastic. Neal Lemery made the motion to endorse the Teen Librarian to move forward with the formation of a Teen Advisory Council. Motion seconded by Ruth LaFrance, all in favor.

**Public Input:** David McCall, a BOCC candidate thanked the Foundation and Board for reaching out to the candidates. He feels that libraries have an important role and instilling a love for reading is important. He donated a book highlighting cultural diversity.

**The next board meeting will be Tuesday June 12, 2018, 12:00pm – 1:00 pm.**

- Linda Bade, from the AARP Foundation Tax Aide will present an overview of their program and statistics at the next board meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Chris Chiola at 1:20 pm

Sincerely and respectfully submitted, Jessica Darling