

Tillamook County Library Board Minutes – January 12, 2017

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

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

Guests Present: none

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:05pm.

Public Input: none

Approval of the Minutes: Motion to approve made by Ruth LaFrance and seconded by Bob Favret, all in favor.

Approval of Budget and Bills: Motion to approve made by Bob Favret and seconded by Cheryl Hantke, all in favor.

Director's Report:

The purchase of an updated security camera system is in process. The wireless printing system is on order and will include all branches. The upgraded furnace contract is in the works, the County Maintenance Department is no longer involved.

Auto check in (an RFID capable function) will be a spring project.

The New Year's Eve Party was very successful. There were 160 counted at the door. Plans are in the works for next year, with official planning to begin in October. Sara passed around some of positive comments that have been received.

Sara will meet with the park architect at the end of the month to review the irrigation and electrical plan. The architect has been working with the City of Tillamook since November.

TURA (Tillamook Urban Renewal Agency) funding for the park looks promising. An application will be resubmitted when bids are received. Funding would cover the raised platform, patio paving blocks, electrical system and water. Sara will look into TLT (Tillamook Lodging Tax) funding.

Sarah Beeler reported that the Tent/Tarp/Sleeping Bag program is very successful this year. She passed out additional posters for distribution. Half of the donations are distributed through the Homeless Connect event and half are stored for distribution throughout the year by Adventist Community Services.

Winter 2017 Newsletter was distributed and the board thanked Bill for his work.

Melanie Hetrick presented an overview of 'Dog Therapy 101.' This program targets 1st to 5th graders and disabled students. It provides children a non-judgmental entity to read to, which lessens stress, fosters

success and encourages a love of reading. The therapy dogs are trained, licensed and groomed. They come with volunteer handlers and are covered by insurance.

The limiting factor for this program is the right handlers and the right dogs. Cheryl Hantke will contact assisted living organizations in Tillamook County and the Tillamook Regional Medical Center to explore if they have therapy dog resources or contacts. An initial program would run for 3 months. Program success is measured by a full roster, happy children and positive follow up with teachers.

Betsy Chase presented the Futures Plan Scorecard that measures progress in quantifiable terms. The Scorecard will be reviewed quarterly at Tillamook County Library Board meetings.

An overview analysis of Community Room use statistics and the card application query about what brought patrons to the library were presented addressing Goal 3, Strategy 3.2 actions.

The board voted to put the Tillamook County Library 5 year serial levy, at the existing rate of 65 cents per \$1000, on the May 2017 ballot. The motion was made by Bob Favret and seconded by Cheryl Hantke, all in favor. Once the levy goes on the ballot the board is no longer allowed to discuss the issue at a board meeting other than to answer factual information.

Sara C. will email Penny Hummel and compile a list of helpful talking points for board members.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, February 16, 2016.

Chris Chiola adjourned the meeting at 1:10pm.

Sincerely and respectfully submitted,

Jessica Darling