

Tillamook County Library Board Minutes – May 18, 2017

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

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

Commissioner Present: David Yamamoto

Guests Present: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Shiela Zerngast at 12:05 am.

Public Input: none

Approval of the Minutes: Motion to approve by Neal Lemery and seconded by Ruth LaFrance, all in favor.

Approval of the Budget: Motion to approve by Chris Chiola and seconded by Bob Favret, all in favor.

The passage of the operating levy was discussed. Yeah team! There were many vital components to the operating levy victory: the strategic plan, patron comments and suggestions, the newsletter, Web site and especially the support and help from the PAC, board, staff and a multitude of volunteers. Hooray!

Director's Report: The budget for 2017/2018 was distributed. A line item for the Library Park has been added to the budget. The addition of the hoopla database has been a big hit. There will be an increase in funding to keep up with patron usage and demand. The roof is leaking. After an initial assessment, Sara decided to contact the architect, Richard Turi, for a second opinion.

New security cameras have been installed. The new check-in system is working well. The board was given a demonstration. The wireless printing project is complete and will begin next week. The new furnace will be installed at the end of the month. Sara is looking into options for adding the value of items checked out to the bottom of the check-out receipt.

Sara's visit to Washington DC to participate in National Library Legislative Day was successful. She represented rural and small libraries. Funding for museums/libraries has been reinstated.

Summer Reading starts June 12th! We will meet, or exceed, last year's record of 87 programs in a two-month period. Captain Book, the new mascot for Tillamook County Libraries, will make his debut. We are going to start offering coffee on Friday mornings beginning in June. Liquids are OK in covered containers in the library.

Planning for a Library District will start in the fall. Penny Hummel asked if we would like to do the survey in June again this year. Having the survey at the same time each year reduces one variable. The Strategic Plan Implementation Team will work on an update soon.

Commissioner Yamamoto, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, extended his congratulations on the successful passage of the levy. The group thanked him for the supportive piece in the Headlight Herald.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, June 15, 2017, 12:00pm.

Shiela Zerngast adjourned the meeting at 12:55 pm.

Sincerely and respectfully submitted, Jessica Darling