



CORNELIUS LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022
Hybrid, Cornelius, OR 97113

Present: Marty Blomberg, Isaac Gilman, Cheryl Hall, Jennifer Heuer, Melanie Johnston, Lauren Latocki, Byron Sun, Mary Welch, Youth Librarian Maria Aguilar and Director Karen Hill.

Absent: Robyn Dalin, Dorotea Lopez

Call to order: 7:03 pm

Approval of minutes: Minutes of April 7 were unanimously approved.

REPORTS

Friends of the Library: Hall reported that Friends will be supporting Friday Family Fun nights by volunteering. One upcoming event is Pajama Storytime on Nov. 18.

Foundation: Hill reported that this year's fundraiser will be a raffle of several gift baskets created by members.

Library Director: (See report.) Library usage has evened out. Instead of number of new cards made, the report will show the number of computer sessions (both on public computers and Wi-Fi). Aguilar reported on the success of DHS hosting a diaper and formula give away at the library. Having it at the library reduced barriers some may feel about going to a government site for the service. Hill highlighted several items and announced that the new City Manager, Peter Brandom, will start on Oct. 17. Hill will invite him to a future board meeting.

Additionally, Hill reported on the new bookmobile coming into use and the award of a \$6,000 grant from Juan Young Trust to furnish it with STEM books and materials. The café that was vacated in the spring failed to get any applicants to the recent advertisement for a replacement. The library is considering other uses for that space.

Hill announced that library programming is changing to refocus on mission specific programs like early childhood literacy, teen STEM/STEAM, and critical adult programs supporting job skills and technology help. Other programs like knitting, crafts and book group have been discontinued for now. This is also part of an effort to reduce workload and prepare for a static city and WCCLS budget over the next few years.

DISCUSSION/ ITEMS:

Collection Development Statement: Hill reported that the new document is in line with county and current concepts in libraries. It is particularly useful when books get challenged (asked to be banned). The collection development budget was decreased by \$40,000 to help fund the new position, Outreach Librarian. Hill explained that the previous \$90,000 was significantly above average in Oregon libraries, but helpful as our new library was building its collection. She also explained how budget line items change depending on trending decreases in materials such as music CDs and inflation on items like newspapers.

Library West/Drake Learning Center: Hill presented a slide show of the features and images of the lease space adjacent to the library. ARPA funds will be used to make it a flexible meeting space as an annex to the library. Bids will be requested soon and construction should be underway in winter.

Adjourned at 7:45 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Hill.
Next Library Advisory Board meeting **Nov. 3, 2022.**