



CORNELIUS LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022
Hybrid, Cornelius, OR 97113

Present: Marty Blomberg, Robyn Dalin, Cheryl Hall, Melanie Johnston, Lauren Latocki, Mary Welch, Youth Librarian Maria Aguilar and Director Karen Hill. Special guest, new City Manager, Peter Brandsom.

Absent: Isaac Gilman, Jennifer Heuer, Dorotea Lopez and Byron Sun.

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Approval of minutes: Minutes of October 6 were unanimously approved.

Introductions: The Board introduced themselves, their role in the community and one thing they appreciated about the library. Of note, Robyn Dalin expressed his desire to see a makerspace in the library. City Manager Brandsom introduced himself and pledged his support for vigorous boards that represent the community.

REPORTS

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

Foundation: Hill reported that raffle fundraiser of several gift baskets is happening now. Funds will go to the bookmobile. Aguilar reported that the new treasurer is focusing on creating policies and procedures that strengthen the Foundations financial accountability.

Library Director: (See report.) The “Did you know” fact is particularly interesting and reports that the use of children’s ebooks has a significantly positive impact on children’s enjoyment of reading. Local ebook usage has maintained a high of about 2,000 checkouts per month, an average of 50% increase over last year. Brandsom inquired about the significant variations in program attendance. Aguilar explained three factors: during the pandemic, the library provided a large number of take-and-make and virtual programs that stopped when we fully opened; then the summer reading program caused a spike in event attendance (including outreach); now, after a refocus of priorities, the attendance is climbing back up. Hill highlighted several other achievements and also shared thank you cards drawn by third grade Echo Shaw students who toured the library.

DISCUSSION/ ITEMS:

Behavior Concerns: Hill and Aguilar explained that the library is experiencing a high number of interactions with difficult patrons. These range in severity and are concerning for the safety of staff and patrons. The library will be holding a staff training on handling behavior issues next week. The current Behavior Policy will be updated and brought to the Board for comment and eventual recommendation to the City Council.

Annual Report: Hill shared the library’s first professional annual report. Created by the Administrative and Publicity Coordinators, it includes quick facts, photos and highlights of some unique and notable programs. After one more review, Hill will share it with city, county and state leaders.

Adjourned at 7:46 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Hill.

Next Library Advisory Board meeting **Dec. 1, 2022.**