



CORNELIUS LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 6, 2023
Hybrid, Cornelius, OR 97113

Present: Robyn Dalin, Isaac Gilman, Jennifer Heuer, Lauren Latocki, Mary Welch, Director Karen Hill.

Absent: Cheryl Hall, Melanie Johnston, and Byron Sun.

Call to order: 7:05 pm

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

REPORTS

Friends of the Library: Hill reported that there was no June meeting.

Foundation: Hill reported that there was no June meeting. The Foundation President, Claire Lematta resigned for personal reasons and Sam Alban was elected President.

Library Director: (See report.) The “did You Know” section regarding the importance of STEM education was discussed. Dalin wondered if the loss of student interest was a result of funding and opportunities rather than interest of youth. Hill will review the data and get back to the Board. Visits were up 23% over this time last year primarily due to the Outreach team hosting many student tours in preparation for the summer reading program. Our youth librarian supported Cornelius Elementary while stocking up on \$1000 worth of giveaway books at the school’s book fair. Their students also displayed a 3rd grade art project along both walls in the Children’s area. It was very popular and we’ll find other opportunities to share student work in the library. We received an Oregon State Library grant for a second year that pays a high school student to assist in the library and learn about the profession and services. Paola is a Forest Grove sophomore desiring to become a lawyer. She will visit a future Board meeting to learn about what we do. The three vacant staff positions were filled with internal candidates and we anticipate improved efficiencies and look forward to their contributions to our team.

DISCUSSION/ ITEMS

Upcoming Washington County Worksession: WCCLS will be presenting to the Washington County Board of Commissioners on the upcoming analysis of funding and governance. The intention is to review how much funding member libraries receive from the county and make changes to improve equity of basic services and funding models. Hill will report back to the board on the topic

Dorotea Lopez Resignation: Dorotea has officially resigned due to schedule conflicts. That leaves eight positions filled with four vacant. Bylaws allow between seven and eleven members. The Foundation also has openings. Please share the opportunities with your network.

Questions/topics for future meetings? Suggestions for future reporting include the Drake Learning Center and STEM lab, Outreach activities, and relationship with apartment residents.

Adjourned at 7:33 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Hill.
Next Library Advisory Board meeting **August 3, 2023.**