

CORNELIUS LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES Thursday, September 7, 2023 Hybrid, Cornelius, OR 97113

<u>Present</u>: Isaac Gilman, Cheryl Hall, Jennifer Heuer, Melanie Johnston, Lauren Latocki, Byron Sun, Director Karen Hill.

Absent: Robyn Dalin and Mary Welch

Call to order: 7:06 pm

Approval of minutes: Minutes of July were unanimously approved.

REPORTS

<u>Friends of the Library:</u> Hall reported that funds available are \$31,303.76. The used book shelf brought in \$136.30. They discussed the summer reading statistics.

<u>Foundation</u>: Hill reported that the June meeting resulted in a subgroup to evaluate and recommend possible fundraising options.

<u>Library Director:</u> (See reports.) Hill shared two reports covering July and August. Increases of visitors and checkouts continue to rise. She expects this to continue as a result of the intense outreach this summer bringing in new visitors. She highlighted several popular programs and patron complements. Johnston and Latocki commented that the National Night Out event was extremely well attended and noted how great a fit Librarian David Freas is expressing such excitement with the youth.

DISCUSSION/ DECISION ITEMS

<u>Banned Books Week Proclamation</u>: Hill presented ALA infographics and the board discussed the local process for handling a challenge. There was more discussion about the issue of censorship and freedom to read. Gilman motioned to recommend the proclamation to the city council and Latocki seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 7:50 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Hill. Next Library Advisory Board meeting **October 5, 2023**.