

MINUTES OF THE SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE GARNER LIBRARY BOARD

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

5:30 p.m.

Present: Jaci Hayes, Debra Hill, Kris Hanson, Ashley Young, Dave Stromer, Lori Griesert, and Ellen Petty

Call to Order

President Jaci Hayes called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Kris Hanson made a motion to approve the agenda, and Ashley Young seconded it. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes

Dave Stromer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ashley Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Librarian's Report

Bold360 Chat Service

- Link is not working; Ellen is working with their tech person to remedy this.

Brainfuse HelpNow Database

- Hopefully this will be up and running soon.

Holiday Stroll Cancelled; Letters to Santa/Bag of Goodies Instead

- Since the library's Community Room was already booked for December 19, the date of the event, goodie bags will be handed out in front of Mat's Place.
- The library is participating in the community Holiday Recipe Wreath program; new recipes are available each week in December.

Nature Backpacks Update

- The Friends of the Library donated \$800 toward this. Most items are ordered, and only one is backordered. The goal is to have these ready by spring

Other

- \$100 donation received toward Imagination Library—will save for when needed. Currently 65 children are signed up, and four have graduated (reached age 5).
- \$300 donation received for children's programming from Barb Dodd in memory of her brother Steve Buckley
- Ellen passed around a copy of *Above Clear Lake*, the book we talked about at an earlier meeting that features drone photos of Clear Lake.

Bills Allowed

Kris Hanson made a motion to pay the bills as printed. Dave Stromer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Citizen's Opportunity to Address the Board

None

Unfinished Business

Digitization Project – Update: HRDP State Grant

- All newspapers are on the website.
- Once the final reports are written and submitted, payment will be made.
- Future copies of *The Leader* will be digitized once issues have passed the 2-year waiting period.

Landscaping – New Border Piece; Island – Update

- Ellen shared a picture of a sculpture/tall grass idea that was well received; information will be gathered on who did this to see if it's possible here.
- Another idea presented was a kinetic sculpture.

New Business

Discussion – Current Pandemic Situation and Phased Opening

- Patrons are happy the library is still open.
- Masks have not been an issue.
- Curbside pickup is still being utilized.
- The library will close early on December 24, be closed December 25-26, close early on December 31, and be closed on January 1.

FY22 Budget

- Ellen shared the last three years of information as well as preliminary information on the budget. We will revisit this next month.
- The budget request will be submitted in January for approval.

Report of Trustees

None

Report of Committees

None

Discussion

In-person meetings in the Community Room with each person having a table are working well for us; we will continue with this plan.

Adjournment

Kris Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Deb Hill seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Jaci Hayes, President

Lori Griesert, Recording Secretary