



Public Library Board

MINUTES

March 26, 2024

5:15 p.m.

Hybrid

Approved: April 23, 2024

Call to Order

Chair Steve Borst called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Amanda Blaisdell, Steve Borst, Bob Brown, Jaci Equihua, Linda Hart, Karen Messer, Amy Roberts

Staff present: Elizabeth Sonstegaard, Supervising Librarian; Jason Darling, Librarian II; Elise Schuh, Administrative Services Coordinator

Borst read the Library's mission and Library board purpose statements.

Approval of February 27, 2024 Minutes:

5:18 p.m.

MOTION: Board Member Jaci Equihua moved to approve the minutes as written. Board Member Amy Roberts seconded it and it passed (7-0).

Staff update

5:19 p.m.

Supervising Librarian Elizabeth Sonstegaard and Librarian II Jason Darling updated the Board on the initial steps and research done for the upcoming Library of Things. It is still in the beginning stages of research and development.

In response to several questions from the Board, Sonstegaard shares that the idea of Library of Things has been around for at least a decade or more and other libraries have already established Libraries of Things. The items for the Library of Things will eventually be in the catalog, but it's currently still in early planning stages, and it's hoped that items will be available for circulation in early summer. Storage of some of the items will be in the space vacated by the Linn Genealogical Society, but they may be in other places as well.

In response to a question from Messer about liability, Darling states that policy will be similar to the one for books; the Library will do its best to fix things where feasible, but patrons will be required to pay to replace broken items.

Sonstegaard shared some of the most requested items on the survey: board games, which are already available for check-out at the Library, tools, and cultural passes.

In response to questions from Borst about funding and staff workload, Sonstegaard states that \$40-50K has been budgeted for the initial project from the Scharpf foundation and that the Library of Things will be integrated slowly using the experiences of other libraries to facilitate a smoother transition.

A discussion by the Board follows about the popularity of cultural passes in other areas and the possibility of having them as an option at this Library.

In response to a question from Blaisdell about the replacement of board game pieces, Sonstegaard shares that there are websites where individual pieces can be purchased but that there is also the possibility of 3D printing missing parts where feasible.

In response to questions from Borst, Sonstegaard shares an overview of Uncorked and Darling states that the Carnegie Library can be a little busier during Spring Break depending on weather conditions.

Adjournment

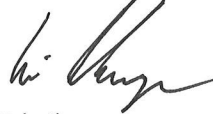
Hearing no further business, Borst adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elise Schuh
Administrative Services Coordinator

Reviewed by



Eric Ikenouye
Library Director

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