

Minutes of the Newport Public Library Advisory Board
August 9, 2017

Present: Autumn Belloni, Gretcher Havner, Evonne Mochon-Collura, Dietmar Goebel (City Council liaison)
Rebecca Cohen (covering for Ted Smith and incoming Secretary) and Linda Annable (Secretary)

Meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m.

Minutes from May 2017 were accepted unanimously as written.

Librarian's Report (see attached)

Autumn asked about other libraries joining the consortium, there are no additions at this point and it is a long and ongoing process.

Rebecca and Linda reported on the street lights in the front of the building and down the sidewalk to the north of the library which are now completely installed and functional. On a related note, cameras will be installed in the parking lot, but we do not know when that will occur.

Trail Tales are going well, with one additional story installed this year for a total of 3 locations at one time. Linda gave brief background for Dietmar.

Summer Reading Program attendance has been down this year and it is unclear what variables are contributing to the lower numbers of attendees. Perhaps it is the greater number of programs that the Rec Center is offering. Children's Services staff will have debriefing meeting in the near future and will discuss at that time.

Gretchen commented on the great eclipse program which was presented last Saturday by Kay Wyatt. Her family enjoyed it and appreciated us hosting it.

Ted's report included two changes to the policy manual related to library card types. The first regarding the Passport Cards was postponed until Ted could be in attendance to clarify the need for the change. The Honor Card changes (see attached) were adopted by unanimous board vote.

Linda handed out copies of the changes she and Stacy are proposing for the policy manual. One sizable area they are still working on is the meeting room/conference use policy and will submit once it is complete. Board did not hold a vote at this time.

The three members in attendance discussed the need to review their own policy manual regarding required attendance of members and participation in Foundation activities as well. It may be time to actively recruit a new member(s). Recruitment could come from Foundation and/or library volunteers. Perhaps if a Board member cannot continue on the Board they could become a Foundation member only.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Annable, Board Secretary