

Newport Public Library Advisory Board Minutes

Wednesday, May 08, 2019 - 5:15 PM

In attendance: Sheryl Eldridge, Laura Kimberly, Autumn Belloni, Ellen Franklin, Evonne Mochon-Collura, Dietmar Goebel (Council Liaison), Ryan Parker (Council Liaison), Katie Bowler (Recording Secretary)

1. Meeting called to order at 5:20.
2. Approval of minutes from March 13, 2019:
 - a. Ellen moved to approve minutes, Autumn 2nd.
3. Librarian's Report, attached:
4. Discussion Items
 - I. Laura's News
 - a. Newport City Budget Meeting is next Week. The Library has two unfilled positions (one part-time and one full-time) and neither will be filled until the hiring freeze is over.
 - II. Library Board vs Library Foundation
 - a. On preparing materials for the Board, Autumn said that to be a member of the Library Board a person must also be a member of the foundation, so whatever paperwork the Foundation sees the Board has therefore already seen it.
 - III. Newport Reads
 - a. Sheryl said the author (Whiskey When We're Dry / John Larison) was an excellent speaker and was great at answering questions from the audience.
 - b. Evonne mentioned how captivated the audience was by him while he spoke and how great he was at the High School. He asked the students what genres they liked and made sure to rope in those answers and put them back into his talk.

- IV. Centennial Celebration, Sep. 14th, 2019:
 - a. Sheryl said she saw Don Davis (City Manager of Newport from 1962 to 1991) at Oceanview and spoke to him about meeting with Laura to discuss the Centennial Celebration. He said he would like to do that.
 - b. Laura will put together a centennial committee and go over celebration ideas.
 - c. Current Ideas: set up a geocache with a commemorative coin, do a 100 book challenge for Sep 2019-Sep 2020, have an art contest for the kids asking what they think the library will look like in 100 years, make a time capsule, have historical talks, see if previous directors will come and visit, have a party with food and music at Literacy Park and invite food trucks to come, etc. Moe's can do a mobile food truck and the Brother's Reed is a great band that may be available.

- V. Adult Summer Reading
 - a. Laura and Sheryl finished assembling 14 themed gift baskets for our Adult Summer reading program. (For every book an adult reads they earn one raffle ticket and a winner is selected each Friday).

- VI. Revising Policy Manual
 - a. Laura said that the library's current Code of Conduct is too vague. She is planning to redo it and create a handout that the security officers can give out when enforcing a rule. She will bring the updated version once it is ready.
 - b. Autumn said that it would be helpful if the revised version highlighted/crossed out what was added and what was deleted and was emailed out in the packet before the meeting so people could review it before the meeting.
 - c. Laura agreed to that and said she is also waiting to do it until September.
 - d. Autumn said we could start a draft version of it at the next Board meeting.

- VII. Google Docs:

- a. Autumn will do a Google Docs tutorial at the next Foundation meeting: Jun 12, 2019.

5. Public Comment: none.

6. Adjourned at 5:55.