

CITY OF SAINT PETER, MINNESOTA

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE SAINT PETER LIBRARY BOARD

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Library Board of the City of Saint Peter was conducted at the St. Peter Public Library, Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

I. **Call to Order:**

The Library Board meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Chair Michelle Twait. The following board members were present: Loehrl Pillers, Mary Ann Hanson, Karen Snay, Don Fuller, Alan Bray and Emily Bruflat. Ex Officio members present: Joey Schugel, Brenda McHugh. Before the meeting began Twait moved the Agenda number IV to number II.

II. **Oath of Office:**

The oath of office was read by the new board members, Don Fuller and Alan Bray.

III. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion was made by Bray and seconded by Hanson to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

III. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Snay and seconded by Pillers to approve the September 13, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. **Report of Library Supervisor**

A. **Fall Recap –**

• TEEN:

Dia de los Muertos Wire and clay sculptures for teens/adults

• ADULT:

Human Library Project – This program aims to create a safe place for conversation between people, centered on the topics of those who are marginalized, underrepresented, and discriminated against. The Saint Peter Library hosted a Human Library event with 5 human book volunteers, three community volunteers, estimated 20 attendees (including two children).

Secrets of the Congdon Mansion

Author Esther Yoder

• KIDS:

Outdoor Movie dia de los Muertos tie-in; Coco

Thinking Money for Kids – traveling exhibition designed to teach kids and families about money, developed by ALA in partnership with FINRA Investor Education Foundation. School Visits, Scout Financial Literacy Event, Storytimes, Kids Flea Market and interactive displays rounded out the exhibit experience.

B. **Winter Plans –** McHugh reported on several upcoming events at the library

• TEEN:

Hikma Somali Book Club – Leticia will go twice per month to Hikma afterschool program and bring materials for check-out. We are also purchasing more middle grade books that feature Muslim characters.

Animanga Club, Dungeons and Dragons and Teen Queer/Straight Alliance Groups

Animanga Spring Lock-in: March 31

• CHILDREN:

Story Stations Ages 2-6 Starting in January, these self-directed early literacy stations based on popular characters will be set up during library open hours. First up, Bluey! This self-guided exhibit features five to seven activity stations specifically designed for toddlers and preschool students and their families. January 9 – Feb. 17

• ADULT:

Rachael Hanel Author Event: Tue., Jan. 17

CreativeBug Line Drawing Spring Series is beginning in March

• LIBRARY NEWS

Evergreen Interface: We are working toward migrating our materials to a new system. Staff training for the next few months. We go live March 2.

Currently the library is host to a Gustavus Senior Art Student Art Showcase. The art will be on display through January. We have another local artist who would like to showcase their art after this showcase.

Friday Hours have been extended to 9-5pm

V. **Old Business**

- A. **Friends of the Library Update** – Hanson report the Friends of the Library are currently in their membership drive, there is a new FOL board member and there is still an opening on the board.

VI. **New Business**

A. **Strategic Plan** – Refer to handout in the packet, the highlighted areas are what have changed or have been implemented.

B. **Policy Update** – Discussion for changing the Library Card application policy for possibly eliminating requiring proof of address. McHugh will continue to look into this change in policy and if a decision is made to change it she will bring it back to the board for more discussion.

C. **Meeting Dates** – Schugel clarified that the Library Board meets bi-monthly except during the summer. The remaining meeting dates for 2023 are Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Library meeting room on March 14, May 9, September 12 and November 14.

- VII. **Other Business** – Schugel reported that the Nicollet County Board has agreed to increased funding for the library to \$55,000 per year.

- VIII. **Adjourn-** Motion made by Twait and seconded by Pillers to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Karen Snay, Chair

Joey Schugel, Recreation Director

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