

CITY OF SAINT PETER, MINNESOTA

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE SAINT PETER LIBRARY BOARD

Tuesday, January 11, 2021

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 11, 2021.

**I. Call to Order:**

The Library Board meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Ex Officio member Joey Schugel. The following board members were present: Michelle Twait, James Nickras, Deb Fichtner, Mary Ann Hanson, Loehrl Pillers, Emily Bruflat, and Karen Snay. Ex Officio members present: Joey Schugel, Brenda McHugh.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

Motion was made by Nickras and seconded by Snay to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Hanson and seconded by Fichtner to approve the November 9, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Oath of Office**

Bruflat and Twait took their Oath of Office to serve the Library Board.

**V. Election of Officers**

Motion was made by Hanson and seconded by Snay to name Michelle Twait as Chair.

Motion was made by Snay and seconded by Pillers to name James Nickras as Vice Chair.

Motion was made by Bruflat and seconded by Hanson to name Loehrl Pillers as Secretary.

**VI. Report of Library Supervisor**

**A. Reports - 2021**

On the 2021 handout McHugh Highlighted

- The number of items checked out from the library are close to pre-pandemic numbers.

On the December 2021 report McHugh highlighted

- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten has 66 participants and 299 books have been given away.
- Head Start event was made possible by the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation. 31 children received a backpack with a free book and school supplies.
- The teen AniManga club has 7 participants.
- The library has partnered with the Senior Center to provide a music series and the December 8 Maud Hixson event had 55 people attend.

**B. Winter Plans –**

- Maker Space Mondays is a time for youth to come to the Saint Peter Public Library to participate in a variety of activities in Arts, Science and Imagination.
- Family Book Club where families can sign up to receive a free book to read together, complete online challenges and activities for a chance at more prizes.
- Teen Talk After Hours are multiple events where outside organizations come in to speak to teens about specific topics that relate to what teens are experiencing.

- Dungeons and Dragons will be every Wednesday after school.
- Adult Reading program where adults keep track of their reading for 2 months and turn in their reading log for every 30 minutes of reading for a chance to win big prizes.
- Coffee connections a once a month gathering for those experiencing homelessness. It is a safe place for people to connect with others and learn about library services and community resources.
- Computer classes for seniors is coming soon.
- There are a couple of events coming in May.
  - The Holocaust In America exhibit will be coming to the Saint Peter Public Library May 20-July 1
  - Saint Peter Community Center and Library 20 year anniversary will be May 6.

**VII. Old Business**

- A. Friends of the Library Update** – The Friends of the Library board has increased their membership from 9-11 members. The responsibilities of board members are to attend the board meeting every other month (odd months) on Tuesdays from 1-4 pm and be a part of a sub-committee. In their last meeting they reviewed the bylaws and standing rules. The Annual meeting was in November.

**VIII. New Business**

- A. Library Survey** – McHugh reported there has been 64 responses. The survey will be closed the end of February. Library staff will be reaching out personally to members of the community to connect with a broader survey population.
- B. Meeting Dates 2022** – Schugel informed the board the November date will fall on Election day and the board will not be able to meet. The board decided to wait until the September meeting to decide on the best date to meet in November.

- IX. Other Business** – Twait mentioned a coworker at Gustavus is planning a Virtual Author Panel about Afrofuturism. This will be a great event for the Saint Peter Public library and Friends of the Library to get involved in.

- X. Adjourn-** Motion made by Nickras and seconded by Hanson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

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Michelle Twait, Chair

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Joey Schugel, Recreation Director