

CITY OF SAINT PETER, MINNESOTA

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE SAINT PETER LIBRARY BOARD

Tuesday, March 9, 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, March 9, 2021.

**I. Call to Order:**

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

**II. Approval of Agenda**

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

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Hanson and seconded by Pillers to approve the January 12 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Report of Library Supervisor**

- A. Staff Update** – McHugh reported the library will be hiring a part-time Circ. Clerk to be a liaison with library for the Somali community. To encourage more participation in events as well as the process of getting a library card.
- B. Activity Report** – McHugh reported this is the last month of the Winter Reading Program and the 1,000 books before kindergarten is still very popular.
- C. Summer Programming** – McHugh reported the Summer Reading program will focus their events outside as much as they can and if there is inclement weather they may utilize the gym depending on the event.

**V. Old Business**

- A. Friends of the Library Update** – Hanson reported that the Friends meet next in a week. Last meeting was in January. Now have 132 books in a bag. The St Peter Public Library will be starting a Young Adult Jr BIB and FOL will help in organizing and bagging the materials. Hy-Vee reached out to FOL to be a part of program that would give FOL \$1 for every reusable Hy-Vee bag that was sold for the month of February. FOL is participating in a program with Extra Innings for every Monday in June a percentage of the profits will go to FOL. This program helps generate business for Extra Innings as well as benefiting the non-profit.

**VI. New Business**

- A. Library Goals/Objectives: Focus on #2** – The goal is: Expand and enhance partnerships and collaborations that promote literacy. Group discussion on current and upcoming literacy programs at the Library and what additional areas need to be focused on. Hanson suggested providing programming for reluctant readers, where they could come to the library and read to/with someone who can guide them as they read. Nickras suggested that college students are always looking for volunteer opportunities. Nickras also suggested getting the school district involved to identify students that would benefit from a program like this. McHugh liked this idea and said the library currently has Coco the dog returning this summer for some one

on one reading time. Bruflat commented on how much she appreciated seeing the library outreach at the Farmers Market this past summer, it is great for the library to have more community engagement and visibility outside the library building. Schugel reported that this year the library will be offering an open swim and story time at the pool on Monday's at 10:30 with a snack. Last point of discussion was the variety of programming offered to youth and to work towards more variety for adult programming including outreach, group activities and other types of resources.

- B. Kathy Hendrickson Library Memorial** – Bill Hendrickson approached the library to set up a memorial fund for his wife who was an educator for many years in the Saint Peter area. There has been discussion of using the funds to expand the library into an outdoor space on the Gorman patio area. Donations are still being accepted.

**VII. Other Business** – no report

**Adjourn-** Motion made by Fichtner and seconded by Hanson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

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Michelle Twait, Chair

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Joey Schugel, Recreation Director

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