

CITY OF SAINT PETER, MINNESOTA

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE SAINT PETER LIBRARY BOARD

Tuesday, March 14, 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 Saint Peter Community Center room 217, Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

I. **Call to Order:**

The Library Board meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Chair Karen Snay. The following board members were present: Michelle Twait, Mary Ann Hanson, Karen Snay, Don Fuller, Alan Bray and Emily Bruflat. Ex Officio members present: Joey Schugel, Brenda McHugh. Before the approval of Agenda Schugel asked to add to the agenda, Time for Visitors, after number III. Motion made by Bruflat and seconded by Hanson to approve updated Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

II. **Approval of Agenda**

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

III. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Bray and seconded by Bruflat to approve the January 10, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. **Time for Visitors**

There were 5 visitors from Minnesota State University Mankato there to observe the meeting.

V. **Report of Library**

- A. **Supervisor Association of Rural and Small Libraries** – In February 2021, Assistant Library Supervisor Leticia Snow was accepted into the Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Outstanding in Their Field Leadership Institute, an opportunity that concluded in Jan. 2023. She was one of 30 library professionals from around the country chosen among 180 applicants. As part of her experience, Leticia presented at the ARSL conference in Chattanooga, TN on her efforts of increasing teen programming at the St. Peter Public Library From February 5-7, 2023, Leticia also had the opportunity to train with another group of 30 librarians from around the US in Indianapolis on how to better serve teens. The goal is for participants to train librarians in their home states on teen-centered topics such as connected learning, ages and stages of youth development, and pursuit of educational equity. She will partner with a librarian from Redwood Falls, Minn. to facilitate the trainings in our region.
- B. **Evergreen/Aspen Transition** – McHugh reported that the library has successfully migrated the library database to a new interface as of March 2. A few highlights of the new interface is patrons can receive text message alerts for holds and overdue notices. They can also pay for bills online using a credit card. The staff is finding the new system easy to use and very intuitive.
- C. **Winter Programming Recap** – Teen programs Animanga Club, Dungeons and Dragons Club and Teen Queer/Straight Alliance Club meets regularly. Mobile Library visits to Hikmah Learning Center at the St. Peter Islamic center to assist with literacy and reading. There are 6 kids in the bookclub.

Adult Programs included a winter reading program that logged 1,000 hours of reading in January, an author event with Rachel Hanel on January 7 with 70 people attending, and the start of our CreativeBug Line Drawing Spring Series with 20 participants.

Children programs Bluey Storytime just wrapped up with 84 take home kits picked up, 1,000 books before Kindergarten continues with 102 participants and 528 books given away, weekly storytimes at the library visits from Little Lambs and ECFE as well as outreach to ECFE. St Peter Lutheran School visited the library for research projects.

D. **Upcoming Plans** – Teens will have an Animanga Lock-In.

Children will have special storytime from Mankato Symphony Orchestra, Breakfast with Books, author event with Kristin Johnson and Story Stations Daniel Tiger.

Adult programs will include beginning online shopping/research basics, virtual author events with the library speakers consortium and starting a small business, a consulting café with Paddlefish Brewery.

E. **Library News** – Mango Languages subscription purchased for the entire TdS region. More information to come.

V. **Old Business**

- A. **Friends of the Library Update** – Hanson report the Friends of the Library meetings will be the 3rd Tuesday of the odd months at 2pm. FOL is on Facebook, Friends of the Saint Peter Public Library. There are currently 78 members, which includes 4 new members. Books in a Bag committee is in the process of choosing new titles. Upcoming events include a booth at the St. Peter Senior Expo and providing treats for National Library week.

VI. **New Business**

- A. **Gorman Park Project** – Schugel presented the Gorman Park concept to the board

VII. **Other Business** – no report.

- VIII. **Adjourn-** Motion made by Hanson and seconded by Twait to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Karen Snay, Chair

Joey Schugel, Recreation Director