

CITY OF SAINT PETER, MINNESOTA

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE SAINT PETER LIBRARY BOARD

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

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, May 10, 2022.

I. **Call to Order:**

The Library Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice Chair James Nickras. The following board members were present: James Nickras, Deb Fichtner, Mary Ann Hanson, Karen Snay and Emily Bruflat. Ex Officio members present: Joey Schugel, Brenda McHugh. Absent: Michelle Twait, Loehrl Pillers.

II. **Approval of Agenda**

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

III. **Approval of Minutes**

Request was made by McHugh to remove "Teen content" under Report of Librarian, Grants. Motion was made by Fichtner and seconded by Bruflat to approve the amended March 8, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. **Report of Library Supervisor**

A. **Americans and the Holocaust Preview** – McHugh highlighted the exhibit opening date and the multiple activities that are schedule while the exhibit is at the Saint Peter Public Library. This information can be found attached to the packet.

B. **Summer Reading Preview** – McHugh reported the theme this year is Oceans of Possibilities. The Summer Kickoff will be on June 6. The Recreation Department, Library, St Peter Police Department and Rivers Edge Hospital and Clinic will sponsor this program. The summer program will run through August 6 and is made possible by the Friends of the St. Peter Library, as well as donations by local financial institutions, McDonalds, Swedish Kontur and the St. Peter Middle School.

C. **Fall Programming –**

- *The Human Library Project* is a non-profit based in Copenhagen. Their program aims to create a safe place for conversation between people, centered on the topics of those who are marginalized, underrepresented, and discriminated against. Events feature a variety of topics ranging from addiction, mental illness, poverty and race to homelessness, abuse survivor, and LGBTQIA+ issues. The Saint Peter Library will host a Human Library event on Saturday, September 24, featuring ten to 12 human books. Patrons and visitors will have the opportunity to sit down with the books and learn about their experiences through questions and conversation.
- *Thinking Money for Kids* (October 31 – Dec. 12) is a traveling exhibition designed to teach kids and their families about money. The interactive exhibit, designed for children ages 7 to 11, uses games, activities and a fun storyline to help children understand what money is, its function in society, money choices, and money values, such as fairness, responsibility and charitableness. St. Peter is one of just 50 libraries nationwide selected to host *Thinking Money for Kids*. The exhibition was developed by

the American Library Association (ALA) in partnership with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation.

- *Dia de los Muertos for Teens* – Learn about the cultural significance of Day of the Dead or All Souls Day. Work with an artist to create a colorful wire and clay sculpture that the holiday is a time to recall special ancestors who have passed away.
- Outdoor Movie tie-in
- *Author Brian Freeman*
- *Secrets of the Congdon Mansion*

D. State of the Library

- National Library Week Handout – the library is busy and healthy.
- 20th Anniversary Celebration May 6th

V. Old Business

A. **Friends of the Library Update** – The Friends of the Library board will be meeting to select a new Book in a Bag book. In June FOL will be recipients of the Extra Innings Wednesday Fundraiser.

B. **Survey** – McHugh will continue to review survey results and implement any changes that might be possible. In September board will re-visit the survey.

VI. New Business

A. **Outreach** – Discussed senior facilities, home school and teen outreach opportunities.

VII. **Other Business** – no report.

VIII. **Adjourn-** Motion made by Hanson and seconded by Snay to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

James Nickras, Vice Chair

Joey Schugel, Recreation Director

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