

CITY OF SAINT PETER, MINNESOTA

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE SAINT PETER LIBRARY BOARD

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

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 14, 2020.

I. Call to Order:

The Library Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Michelle Twait. The following board members were present: Michelle Twait, James Nickras, Sally Geary, Loehrl Pillers, Karen Snay. Ex Officio members present: Doug Wolfe and Joey Schugel.

II. Approval of Agenda

Schugel asked that the agenda be update to reflect election of officers and oath of office. Motion was made by Pillers and seconded by Snay to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Election of Officers

Motion was made by Pillers, seconded by Snay to reelect Michelle Twait as Chair of the Library Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Snay, seconded by Pillers to reelect James Nickras as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Pillers, seconded by Snay to reelect Sally Geary as Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Oath of Office

Administered to new board member, Emily Bruflat.

V. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Nickras and seconded by Pillers to approve the May 14, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Report of Librarian

A. Upcoming Adult Programs – Wolfe referenced the new Senior Newsletter covering the months of January and February that mention multiple upcoming adult programs.

B. Technology Update – The library recently switch from desk tops to Chrome Box, which are better with online security. There are also 2 Chrome Books available soon but the library staff are coming up with the check-out process and policies. The library also added mobile printing.

C. Foreign Language Books – Wolfe reported that Brenda, the children’s librarian, is currently looking at getting more foreign language books in Spanish, Somali and Arabic. Some books will be completely in the native language and some will be bilingual. Snay suggested she use “Language Lizard” it is a great resource for foreign language literature.

VII. Old Business

A. Friends of the Library – They had their Annual meeting in November in conjunction with an Author event with Gordon Fredrickson.

B. 2019 Library Goals – Schugel updated the board on the partnerships the library currently has. The Senior Center partnership has Library on the Go, shared programming and advertising in

the Senior Newsletter. Community and Family Education has LIFE programs and St. Peter Reads. Brenda, the children's librarian went to the Farmers Market on a weekly basis in the summer of 2019 and is currently going to the St Peter Public School preschools once a month to offer story time and books that can be checked out onsite. There is also a High School teen Great stories club that meets twice a month. The Alternative school, MVED, comes once a week to check out books and other media. There are 7 story times a week for the SPCC tenant daycares and head start and when they come there is always time to check out books and other materials. The Library also partners with the Recreation Department and the Saint Peter Art Center to provide programming on Early Release days or other special events.

- C. **eSports/Gaming** – Schugel reported the grant from MN Parks and Recreation Foundation was approved. The City IT department is looking at the equipment to purchase and how to make it portable. The programming will be a couple times a week, after school, for middle school aged youth.

VIII. **New Business**

- A. **Great Stories Club** – This program was made possible with an ALA Grant and the Saint Peter Public Library was 1 of 35 libraries chosen nationwide. There are 13 teens participating in this program. The Great Stories Book Club is held at the library for Teens throughout this school year (Nov-April). The books selected for the Great Stories Club (GSC) feature characters and plots that explore questions of identity, race, equity, history, social justice, and institutional change.
- B. **Future ALA Grants** – Schugel talked about an upcoming traveling exhibit coming to the Saint Peter Public Library in the summer called “Thinking Money For Kids”. This exhibit will educate kids about money and the programming will include local financial experts coming in to teach about different topics. There will be a second exhibit coming in the fall about Americans and the Holocaust, more details about each of these events will be coming soon.

IX. **Other Business**

- A. **Upcoming Library Board meeting dates** – Schugel went over the dates for 2020 which will be Tuesday's March 10, May 12, September 8 and November 10. Wolfe asked the board to consider moving the meeting time from 5:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There was a motion made by Geary and seconded by Snay to change the meeting time to 5:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.
- X. **Adjourn-** Motion made by Pillers and seconded by Snay to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Michelle Twait, Chair

Joey Schugel, Recreation Director