

CITY OF SAINT PETER, MINNESOTA

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE SAINT PETER LIBRARY BOARD

Tuesday, March 10, 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, March 10, 2020.

I. Call to Order:

The Library Board meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Chair Michelle Twait. The following board members were present: Michelle Twait, James Nickras, Sally Geary, Loehrl Pillers, Karen Snay, Emily Bruflat and Mary Ann Hanson. Ex Officio members present: Joey Schugel.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of Minutes

Hanson asked that under Old Business A. Friends of the Library, the month of December be changed to November and the authors name "Gordon Fredrickson" be added. Motion was made by Nickras and seconded by Pillers to approve the amended January 14, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Oath of Office

Administered to new board member, Mary Ann Hanson.

V. Report of Librarian

A. Census 2020 – The library is a question assistance center for the 2020 census, which means people can come in and use an available workstation to fill out their census form online on and if they have questions the library staff have been trained on what they can and can't answer.

B. Youth and Adult Programs – The library hosted a Growing up Brave all school assembly at the St Peter High School and over 530 students attended. Bukata Hayes from the Greater Mankato Diversity Council was the main speaker at this event. Snay mentioned that after the event students were saying it was a really powerful message.

The Great Stories book club which is part of the Growing up Brave ALA grant will continue to meet at least once a month through the school year.

Local student author, Josh Elerbeck, had an author event and book signing on November 26. The library hosted a Lego Challenge during the early release day, February 14. There were about 50 students who participated.

The New Americans group from the YMCA did a bilingual storytime. They read the Hungry Caterpillar in Somali and Spanish.

C. Activity Report – This information was in a handout.

VI. Old Business

- A. **Friends of the Library** – The FOL board is in the process of choosing more books more the Books in a Bag, which started in 2016 with 5 titles and now there are 105 titles. Gabriela presented the upcoming Holocaust exhibit coming in the fall and FOL will provide funds or help with events as needed.
- B. **2019 Library Goals (School/City Partnership Update)** – The School District media staff and Saint Peter Public Library are working together to have the libraries circulation available as interlibrary loan. Snay explained that once a week there will be a school staff that picks up any requested books and the school is working with TdS Library System to get all the students information transferred to the library and that the parents will have an opportunity to opt out of this program if they don't want to share their child's information.
- C. **eSports/Gaming** – Schugel reported that the equipment has been purchased and the program should start the middle of April. The programming will be a couple times a week, after school, for middle school aged youth.

VII. New Business

- A. **Young Adult Area Emphasis** – The library staff are looking at updating the seating in the young adult area to make it more inviting to the middle school children that are coming after school. There has been a circulation desk added to the area so staff can be more available to the youth to check out books and make connections with them. Brenda, the children's librarian, has also been providing age appropriate crafts and activities on a regular basis.

VIII. Other Business

- IX. **Adjourn-** Motion made by Hanson and seconded by Geary to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Michelle Twait, Chair

Joey Schugel, Recreation Director

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