

CITY OF SAINT PETER, MINNESOTA

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE SAINT PETER LIBRARY BOARD

Tuesday, May 12, 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, May 12, 2020.

I. Call to Order:

The Library Board meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Vice Chair James Nickras. The following board members were present: James Nickras, Sally Geary, Loehrl Pillers, Karen Snay, Emily Bruflat and Mary Ann Hanson. Ex Officio members present: Joey Schugel. Absent: Michelle Twait who did come later but after call to order.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of Minutes

Hanson asked that her name be added to Call to Order. Motion was made by Pillers and seconded by Bruflat to approve the amended March 10, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Report of Librarian

A. COVID-19 Impacts – The library has been closed to the public since March 17, 2020. This has given the staff an opportunity to deep clean and disinfect the library shelves and materials. There is no definitive reopening planned but the library staff are talking about putting new procedures in place when they do reopen. The curbside pick-up has been successful. This closure has also allowed the library staff to adapt the current way they are doing programming. For example Storytime is now on YouTube, you can watch it live every Wednesday at 10:30 am. Bruflat asked; is the closure affecting the Think Money for Kids exhibit? Schugel said that it was moved to the summer of 2021. Schugel also mentioned the Holocaust exhibit is postponed indefinitely and Gabriela will be discussing what the options are for the exhibit, with the hope that we would have it here by the summer of 2022.

B. Summer Reading Program – This information was in a handout in the packet. Schugel talked a little about the READsquared program that the Saint Peter Public Library will be used for the Summer Reading Program.

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

V. Old Business

A. Friends of the Library – The FOL board has received approval to become members of the Saint Peter Chamber of Commerce. This will help them get more recognition in the community as well as giving the community more support through the Chamber membership. They added 8 more titles to the Books in a Bag bringing the total number of titles to 115. They approved a \$2,000 grant for the Summer Reading Program and \$1,000 grant for the Book Mobile, which will be an addition to our Exploration Recreation Libraries on the Loose program. With the

addition of the Book Mobile to this year the program it will help get more resources out to the community as it will be available at every location.

- B. 2019 Library Goals (School/City Partnership Update)** – Karen Snay reported that 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 the student’s information from Infinite Campus will be used to issue a library card to every student in middle school. This will start at the beginning of the 2020 school year and the parents will receive information about this program and will have an opportunity to opt out if they don’t want to share their child’s information.

- C. Goal Three (Increase Awareness)** – This was a handout in the packet. Schugel reported that due to the situation we are currently facing with COVID-19 there has been changes to our outreach programs and the library staff are looking at ways to set up programs digitally. The library is currently increasing their virtual programming while also considering how to create engagement with the community. The board discussed options that they have heard about and these suggestions will be forwarded to the library staff. Schugel suggested a way to reach more of our diverse community is to engage with our school liaisons, Maripsa Romero and Affey Sigat to get feedback on what people would like to see at the library. The library also plans to continue to add to their foreign language media collection.

- D. eSports/Gaming** – This program was ready to start in April but has been postponed. In the meantime a new platform was found that will be the new host for all our gaming software. It is called Mission Control and it will organize and connect people in the community as well as monitoring the games to make sure the players are being appropriate.

VI. New Business

- A. Library Supervisor** – Schugel reported that this position has been posted and the recruitment process ends June 12. Selected applicants will go through an interview process and the hope is to have the position filled in July or August.

VII. Other Business

- VIII. Adjourn-** Motion made by Twait and seconded by Pillers to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the library meeting room.

James Nickras, Vice Chair

Joey Schugel, Recreation Director