



Library Advisory Board

Minutes

January 12, 2023

Members of the Library Advisory Board met this day in regular session at the Brownsville Library in the Kirk Room, Brownsville, Oregon, at * PM.

***Present:** Chairperson Gwen Landon, Linda McCormick, Barbara DeRobertis, Sandy Saltzer, Jennifer Ashcraft, Librarian Sherri Lemhouse.

Absent: None

Public: None

Presiding: Gwen Landon

Mrs. Landon called the meeting to order. As a first item of business Mrs. Saltzer made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2022, meeting as presented by recording Secretary Sherri Lemhouse. Ms. Ashcraft seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all.

Librarian Report: Librarian Sherri reported that staff started taking small steps in making an inventory of the Library. I do this by taking small sections. This allows the inventory sections to be finished in a timely manner. Inch by inch life is a cinch. Yard by yard life is hard. Same with inventory. The new system is similar. The staff have adapted easily. We have joined the Oregon Digital Library Consortium to provide eBooks and eAudiobooks for our patrons. The vendor Overdrive is providing this service. The Libby app is in the process of being set up. There are several behind the scenes steps. I am hopeful the technological difficulties will be worked out by Friday. The staff, patrons and myself are very excited to see this service come to our Library.

City Administrator Report: A new mayor and 3 new councilors have been keeping our City Administrator very busy lately.

Old Business: Mrs. DeRobertis said that she was thankful the board decided not to go door to door and tell Brownsville Residents about the Library. In today's world it can be unwelcome, uncomfortable or sometimes dangerous. The Board discussed other ideas. They asked that Librarian Sherri submit a short statement about the eBook service coming available. If space allows this may be added to the Council report that is mailed out to all City residents.

New Business: I can't think of any major budget item or building project that needs to be attended to. Built into the City budgets are monies to replace computers or other office equipment as they fail. The Library recently purchased 2 new copy/scanner/printers that work amazingly well.

Librarian Sherri handed out copies of the Oregon Library Association Public Library Standards as revised July 1, 2021. Members will be discussing this document the next 2 meetings.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 9, 2023, in the Kirk Community Room at the library.

ATTEST:

Gwen Landon,
Chairperson

Sherri Lemhouse,
Librarian