



Library Advisory Board

Minutes

October 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 4:02 PM.

***Present:** Chairperson Barbara DeRobertis, Linda McCormick, Sandy Saltzer, Jennifer Ashcraft, Librarian Sherri Lemhouse, and City Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Coleman.

Absent: Gwen Landon

Public: Heidi Winklepeck

Presiding: Barbara DeRobertis

Mrs. DeRobertis called the meeting to order. As a first item of business Mrs. McCormick made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2023, meeting as presented by recording Secretary Sherri Lemhouse. Mrs. Saltzer seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all.

Librarian Report: Librarian Sherri spoke about how the Library and programing have changed over the past 13 years. September 1st the Library did not send any late book notices for the first time in 13 years. In October, there were only 2. This is due to the new software sending out reminders to personal emails or phones. The Library is hosting several terrific programs this fall. Friday afternoon Albany STEM-CTE will be presenting an activity about the Eclipse. Next Thursday, October 19 beginning at 7 PM Don Lyon will present Romania Reawakening the World Cultures. In November he will present American Southwest; Pueblos and Canyons on Thursday, November 16. The Friends are gearing up for the Book Sale. Set up will begin at 10 AM Wednesday, November 29 with the sale running Thursday, November 30 through Saturday, December 9 during normal Library hours. I am also looking forward to a terrific Festival of Trees.

City Administrator Report: Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Coleman came and gave a State of the City presentation. The major project at the Rec Center is nearing completion. The current estimated completion date is now mid-November. Like most construction projects this has been plagued by supply line delays. The improvements are WOW! We are all looking forward to the grand re-opening of this well loved and used event center. The next large project underway will be to implement the GR12 water line. This \$1.5 - \$2.3 million project will provide enough water to our City for the next 50 years. This will be enough water for 500 more residences. The Small Municipalities Advocacy Coalition (SMAC) and the Legislative Advocacy and Policy Committee (LAPC) are working together to make the needs of small municipalities in Oregon known to the Legislature. Finally, the Total Maximum Daily Load (TDML) matrix is finished and has been sent for review.

New Business Members discussed ideas to promote the Library. Members discussed the merits of magnets with Library hours, direct mailings, other signage, partnerships with Meals on Wheels books to shut-ins and the Halsey Library for school visits. Members also discussed ideas for the Volunteer Goodie Exchange in December. Ideas included attendees answering a question to help us get to know everyone there, Library trivia, readers theater and a date when the Library is closed to allow everyone to enjoy the festivities.

Guest Comments Guest Heidi Winklepeck introduced herself to the board. She may be interested in becoming a part of the Library Advisory Board.

Board Member Comments Members asked about the status of the Library Happenings sign at City Hall. The sign painter, Jane McQueen, has been unavailable lately.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 PM.

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

ATTEST:

Barbara DeRobertis,
Chairperson

Sherri Lemhouse,
Librarian