



Library Advisory Board

Minutes

November 9, 2023

Members of the Library Advisory Board met this day in regular session at the Brownsville Library in the Kirk Room, Brownsville, Oregon, at 4:34 PM.

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

Absent: Jennifer Ashcraft

Public: None

Presiding: Barbara DeRobertis

Mrs. DeRobertis called the meeting to order. As a first item of business Ms. Saltzer made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2023, meeting as presented by recording Secretary Sherri Lemhouse. Mrs. McCormick seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all.

Librarian Report Librarian Sherri reported that on Halloween the Library had 309 visitors. The previous record was in 2021 with 269. The Card Catalog Display is entitled 'Hanging with the Turkeys'. The Library will be closed to honor Veteran's Day, November 10 and 11. Thanksgiving closure is November 23 – 25. The Friends of the Library will be setting up their Annual Book Sale on Wednesday, November 29 beginning at 10 AM. The local missionaries will be moving in all the boxes of books into the Kirk Room the day before. This is a Huge help. The Book Sale runs from Thursday, November 30 through Saturday, December 9 during normal Library hours. The Library will be hosting a Santa Story Time on Friday, December 15. Our Library has such fun activities, programs, and books.

Old Business Ms. Saltzer wanted to discuss frustrations that were aired at the October meeting. Members discussed ways to promote the Library. Mrs. McCormick and Mrs. DeRobertis agreed to work on designing an A-frame sign.

New Business Members spoke about how the eBook Service was going. In October, there were 176 ebooks/audio checked out. If we had to purchase books for Library at an average of \$30 the Library would spend about \$5200. Members agreed to recommend continuing this service for the 2024-25 budget year. Members discussed the Volunteer Appreciation Party scheduled for Wednesday, December 13 from 5 – 6 PM in the Kirk Room at the Library. Members divided up the duties and will celebrate our volunteers together.

Board Member Comments Mrs. McCormick spoke about the Linn County Pioneer Association fundraiser at Panda Express Albany on Friday, November 10.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 11, 2024, in the Kirk Community Room at the library.

ATTEST:

Barbara DeRobertis,
Chairperson

Sherri Lemhouse,
Librarian