



Library Advisory Board

Minutes

January 11, 2024

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, Linda McCormick, Sandy Saltzer, Jennifer Ashcraft, Melissa Selby, Librarian Sherri Lemhouse, and City Administrator S. Scott McDowell.

Absent: None

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 November 9, 2023, meeting as presented by recording Secretary Sherri Lemhouse. Mrs. McCormick seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all.

Librarian Sherri spoke about the 2023 Library Infographic (attached) and statistical information. The Library had 10,912 visits, checked out 15,234 items and 1,768 ebooks and had 368 people use our two computers; we answered 1,555 questions for 285 patrons and their families. We held 71 programs for adults with 383 participants and 112 programs for children with 989 participants. There will be seven programs in the Library in January. Four story times, Estate Planning: Hospice Care; World Cultures & Travel: Syria; and Makerspace: Earthquakes (STEM). Librarian Sherri also showed an example of a passive activity for children that is made available in the Children's Room so parents can look for books to check out or interact with their children in the Library.

City Administrator McDowell spoke about City Projects happening. The City is looking forward to the Rec Center Open House on February 22, 2024. This project is nearly complete. The next project on the schedule is the GR12 Waterline. He spoke about a variety of concerns the City is facing and discussion ensued. One of the items discussed was the duties of Board Members and suggested that the Board consider holding four meetings each year instead of the current nine. More discussion ensued.

Old Business There has been no progress on looking for program signage. Members agreed to able to next time the Board discusses Library Promotions.

New Business Ms. Saltzer asked about why libraries are 'going fine free'. Discussion ensued.

Guest Comments None

Board Member Comments New member Mrs. Selby asked about some discrepancies noticed in the Library Board Manual. These need to be changed to reflect all City Boards for consistency. Mrs. Landon sent a sweet thank you note for her time served on the LAB. Instead of a business meeting in February, Board members will get a tour the Rec Center with Mr. McDowell.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

The next business meeting will be Thursday, March 14, 2024 in the Kirk Community Room at the library.

ATTEST:

Barbara DeRobertis,
Chairperson

Sherri Lemhouse,
Librarian



Brownsville Community Library
2023 Infographic

