



Library Advisory Board

Minutes

October 10, 2024

Members of the Library Advisory Board met on this day in regular session at the Brownsville Library in the Kirk Room, Brownsville, Oregon, at 4:30 PM.

***Present:** Chairperson Melissa Selby, Barbara DeRobertis, Linda McCormick, Sandy Saltzer, Librarian Sherri Lemhouse, and City Administrator S. Scott McDowell.

Absent: Jennifer Ashcraft

Public: None

Presiding: Melissa Selby

Minutes: Mrs. Selby called the meeting to order. As a first item of business Ms. DeRobertis made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2024, meeting as presented by recording Secretary Sherri Lemhouse. Mrs. McCormick seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all.

Library Report: Librarian Sherri reported that the Vanport Exhibit is very interesting and encouraged all members to take time to read through the display. The Program featuring Carolyn Pearce and Sonja Compton was well attended with 31. An audio recording was made of the program and is in the process of being transcribed. This will be available in the Library Oral History Notebook and the Linn County Historical Museum. Courtesy Copies will also be sent to the presenters. It is estimated that about the same number of people have looked at the exhibit while on display. The last day to view the Exhibit is Saturday, October 12. Don Lyon continues the World Cultures & Travel Program Thursday, October 17 with Cambodia: Back from the Brink. On November 21 he will present The Human Face of Islam. Along with being very interesting, these programs are free and open to the public. The Friends of the Library Book Sale will begin Thursday, December 5 at 1 PM and run through Saturday, December 14 during normal Library hours. Volunteers are needed for set up (Wednesday, December 4 at 10 AM) and take down (Saturday, December 14 at 2 PM). Ray and Linda McCormick kindly donated funds to purchase new chairs for the Kirk Room. The Library is tentatively anticipating receipt of these chairs around November 14. The Library Board may have a service project to unwrap and place the new chairs in our Library!

City Administrator Report: Mr. McDowell presented an abbreviated State of the City to the Library Board. Central Linn School District representatives presented information on a community bond for schools. Community members are encouraged to look at their website for more information: <https://www.centrallinn.k12.or.us/about-us/community-bond-advisory-committee-proposals>. The GR12 well is connected to the water plant and will be going online soon. The Rec Center is wrapping up some final items on the check list. The landscape and lighting are finished and look nice. Brownsville Public Works hired a new worker. The Public Works has been understaffed and over-worked this summer due to many glitches. The City email is down and there have been

many other Tech problems. The City has been working with the Brownsville Canal Company for a manageable agreement for Mill Race. Pacific Power announced they will be having rolling outages. They are offering rebates on generators. There are several options. Check their website for more information.

<https://www.pacificpower.net/outages-safety/storm-emergency-preparedness/backup-generators.html>

Old Business: Ms. DeRobertis suggested the LAB submit a clever advertising blip to be added to the Council Report. Members were encouraged to send their ideas to her and she would submit something to Mr. McDowell.

New Business: Members discussed the fines and fees charged by the Library. They decided to leave them as they are.

Guest Comments: None present.

Board Member Comments: Mrs. Selby said she loved our Library.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

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

ATTEST:

Melissa Selby,
Chairperson

Sherri Lemhouse,
Librarian