



Library Advisory Board

Minutes

February 20, 2025

Members of the Library Advisory Board met 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, Jennifer Ashcraft, and Librarian Sherri Lemhouse.

Absent: None

Public: Sandy Sayer, Kathy Rogers, Nan VanSandt

Presiding: Melissa Selby

Minutes: Mrs. Selby called the meeting to order. As a first item of business Mrs. McCormick made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2025, meeting as presented by recording Secretary Sherri Lemhouse. Mrs. Saltzer seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all.

Library Report: Librarian Sherri reported that she close to obtaining clean copies of The Times from 2022, 2023 and 2024. Once these are in-house, the Friends of the Library will have them hardbound and ready for researchers to peruse in Library. With The Times out, looking at different ways to advertise is important. The Library will be posting more flyers around town, sending out a monthly email to patrons and advertising on social media/Facebook. Everyone is encouraged to tell friends, share, invite and come to programs. Upcoming events include World Cultures & Travel – Wild Iceland tonight Thursday, February 20 at 7 PM. This is the final session of the spring. Estate Planning – Wills is scheduled for Thursday, March 20 at 7 PM. Followed by Advance Directives (April 17) and Funeral Arrangements (May 15). Other programs include weekly Stitchery Group and Friday Story Time and the monthly Book Club.

Old Business:

Mrs. DeRobertis spoke about ideas of an add-on to the Council Report that is mailed out by the City. Members discussed sending a short blip about the upcoming monthly program and QR codes that Librarian Sherri came up with. Members were asked to come with a couple ideas to include for the March, April and May Council Reports.

New Business:

The LAB invited the Friends of the Brownsville Community Library (The Friends) to speak about who and what the Friends do. Mrs. Sandy Sayer is a founding member of the Friends of the Library. She spoke about how The Friends started and the struggle of the early years. Mrs. Rogers, Chairperson, spoke about what The Friends do now by supporting subscriptions to magazines (and now The New Era newspaper) and a popular genealogy site, book sale and supporting the Summer Reading Program and other children's programing. Nan VanSandt spoke generally about the Friends.

Members had a lively interaction with these Friends and were appreciative of their time in coming to the LAB meeting.

Board Member Comments:

Ms. Saltzer spoke briefly about the efforts to bring back The Times newspaper and the complexity of the project.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 PM.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 20, 2025, in the Kirk Community Room at the library.

ATTEST:

Melissa Selby,
Chairperson

Sherri Lemhouse,
Librarian