

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BERKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES

July 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Chairperson Carla Ross Lyman, Trustee Paula Dugan, Trustee Megan Silva, Secretary Chloe DeFaria, Danielle Nicolet Friends President and Library Director Carol Buote. The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2022 were read and approved as amended. Megan Silva motion, Paula Dugan seconded voted. All voted in favor.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Erica Grady submitted a report from June 14, 2022- July 12, 2022

There were roughly 280 visitors to the Children's Room and Storytime's with 50 attendees.

Five (5) VolunTEENS put in a total of 28 hours of community service this month.

The Children's Room newsletter is now reaching 78 people.

There were 124 guesses for the Guessing Jar in June with one lucky winner. The Guessing Jar will return in September.

Other activities and events were discussed, including Dighton Rock Story Hour, Small Engines, the Library Traveling Backpack, LEGO Night and additional summer reading challenges.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Carol Buote submitted and read a report for the past month.

The Book Club met on July 7th with six attendees and discussed *The Stranger in the Mirror* by Liv Constantine.

The Knot Just Knitting group met on June 6th with 3 attendees and June 16th with 2 attendees.

A Virtual Trivia event was held on June 25th with 17 attendees.

SAILS implemented changes on July 29th regarding purging patrons 7 years after their expiration date.

Carol Buote discussed the difficulty of covering open hours when someone is out and would like to have the Library Tech for 10-15 hours a month, as needed, and pay the extra hours from state aid.

It was also discussed going fine free for juvenile patrons.

FRIEND'S REPORT

The Friend's held their Pirate Themed Murder Mystery event at Chamberlain Farms on June 17th.

OLD BUSINESS

Elimination of fines for juveniles. Megan Silva motioned to go fine free for juveniles and to change the overdue notice from "14 and 56 days" to "14 and 21 days" as well as the number of days overdue from assumed lost from 120 to 60 days. Paula Dugan seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Directors' presentation of end of year budget. Carol Buote gave overview of budget and statistics for FY22.

Paula Dugan made a motion to allow for more hours for the Library Tech as needed, to be paid out of state aid. Megan Silva seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Carla Ross Lyman noted that a small town of 2,000 people was awarded state aid for construction.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADJOURN

Megan Silva made a motion to adjourn, Paula Dugan seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

The next meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

August 9, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,
Chloe DeFaria, Secretary