

Fairmount Community Library Board Meeting

Minutes February 18, 2020

Call to order

- A meeting of the Fairmount Community Library Board of Trustees was held at the Fairmount Community Library. Attendees included Alison Chamberlain (Secretary), Gary Ferner (President), Mike Ranieri (Board member), Pete O'Mara (Board member), John Rittell (Library Director), Patty Cherry (treasurer) and Jennifer Grant (Board Member) and Rachel Gibson (Prospective New Board Member). Board members not present included: Dick Mahan (Board member). The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Public Expression

- none

Reports

Director's Report

- Partnership with Texas Roadhouse for children's reading program
 - Peanuts may be available for sale to support library programs
- John applied for and received two grants. Details in Director's report.
- John has begun giving out bookmarks soliciting donations and giving details regarding what each type of program or book/media would cost if it were purchased by the patron.

Treasurer's Report

- All reports were circulated by email and reviewed in advance of the meeting.
- There has been an increase in general donations
 - John created a bookmark to solicit general donations.
- In 2020 and moving forward, we will need to budget for the 990, as the CPA who has previously volunteered time to prepare the same will be retiring.
- Patty emphasizes the necessity of getting good, written procedures from an accounting firm, including checks and balances and back up systems.

Follow up

- Jeff Boyea has requested to resign from the board of trustees.
- Patty Cherry intends to resign once a viable replacement for treasurer has joined the board.
- Gary mentioned an interaction with a staff member who expressed interest in whether all board members lived within the catchment area of the library
 - All board members and the new prospective board member confirmed that they live within the WG school district, as is required by the bylaws

- Mike proposes that board members be recognized for their service at the end of their tenure
- Website
 - John has expressed some difficulty in scheduling time to follow up with the web developer
 - More efforts will be made to finalize the website
- Mike was informed by a patron that there was an issue at the library this week and that John handled the issue very well
 - John detailed the issue, which required police intervention, but also involved providing space and compassion to a patron in need
- Since Jeff has resigned from the board, Dick Mahan has been nominated as Vice President.

Action Items

- A child's potty seat will be purchased
- Gary will send his cell phone number to everyone.

Board Approval(s)

- January Minutes were approved
- Jeff Boyea has resigned from the board, his resignation was unanimously accepted.
- Richard Mahan was nominated as Vice President, but is not present this evening, so his acceptance of the nomination will be discussed.
- Rachel Gibson was unanimously voted in as a board member
- In executive session, the board voted to approve a proposal regarding salary increases for 2020

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:36 PM for executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Adjourned at 8:33 pm. The next scheduled meeting is March 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm.