



**NEWBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

**February 17, 2022 7:00 P.M.
Meeting Held Electronically Via Zoom**

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER** at 7:00 p.m. by Chair, Tim O’Leary
- 2. ROLL CALL via Zoom Conference**

Board Members: Tim O’Leary, Chair; Rebecka Ratcliffe, Vice Chair and Liaison to Foundation; Kerrie De Ieso; Crystal Garcia; Suzanne Meenahan
Student Commissioner: Claire Faucher
Interim Library Director: Korie Buerkle
Staff Note Taker: Audrey Smith
Guest: Citizen
- 3. CONSENT CALENDAR**
 - a. Minutes for the January 20, 2022 meeting was accepted.
 - b. Library Use Report for January 2022 was accepted.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None were lodged.
- 5. BOARD COMMENTS**
 - a. **Current Library Narratives.**

Board Member Meenahan said the narratives were spectacular and Board Member De Ieso said they were good to read.
- 6. REPORTS**
 - a. **No Library Foundation Meeting.**

Vice Chair Ratcliffe reported that the next Library Foundation meeting is on March 7th via Zoom.
- 7. OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **Newberg contract with CCRLS.**

Interim Library Director reported that the CCRLS Council passed the contract between CCRLS and the City of Newberg to permit the library to issue CCRLS basic library cards to applicants who reside in the portion of Yamhill County that is within the boundaries of the PCC district, including the City of Dundee. She said it still has to go to the Chemeketa Community College (CCC) lawyers to sign, since they are the fiscal agents, and then on to the Newberg City Council consent agenda. Interim Library Director said she did not know when all these steps will be completed, however, implementing this card option does not need to wait until the fiscal year since there is no money involved. She stated that the hope is to have all approvals completed by May so that the CCRLS basic card option can be implemented when Summer Reading promotion begins. Vice Chair Ratcliffe expressed that this delay will give the Library Board more time to speak with the Dundee City Council, to introduce this option and to talk about the long term opportunities to establish a physical library presence in Dundee.
- 8. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **Library challenges.**

Interim Library Director said there were five library challenges in the last five weeks, with another comment that came in today, making a total of six. She reported that people were unhappy, from

both sides of the aisle, regarding some book collections and that it was unprecedented in the library's history to have this many challenges in a short period of time.

Board Member De Ieso asked if anyone has taken the next step of the challenge process and the Interim Library Director said that none of the people have yet to submit a formal book challenge. A discussion ensued among the board about the topic of intellectual freedom and the library. Vice Chair Ratcliffe expressed appreciation for the way the Interim Library Director has handled these challenges.

b. Large Blu-Ray donation to start new collection

Interim Library Director reported that the library received a donation of 260 Blu-Ray DVDs, valued at over \$4,000. She said this donation was the boost needed to implement the Blu-Ray collection that reference librarian, Jessica Otto, wanted to start.

c. Restart of library programming.

Interim Library Director confirmed that in-person library programming will restart on March 1st. She elaborated that these programs include storytimes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30am, book clubs, and other meetings held in the library building. Interim Library Director stated that the City of Newberg received a grant to purchase Bluezone air purifiers and four were placed in the library building with two on each floor. Chair O'Leary asked if there have been people who will not wear a mask and the Interim Library Director replied that she has had to email a couple of people about wearing masks inside the library building.

d. Employee changes.

Interim Library Director announced that children's librarian Amanda Lamb was made the Interim Children's Services Manager so that she can focus on the responsibilities of the interim library director. She also stated that Bobbye Hernandez is the new Latino Services Senior Librarian, who will implement Saturday Spanish/English storytimes in April. Interim Library Director concluded with the announcement that a circulation employee gave notice recently and the hours of this position will be redistributed.

e. Library staff appreciation.

Board Member Meenahan proposed that the board consider doing something special for library staff appreciation around spring time this year. She made the suggestion to piggyback this activity to an event, such as Public Works Day.

9. NEXT MEETING/STEPS

Library Advisory Board: March 17, 2022.

Board members agreed to meet in person unless the library building is close to the public, and to have Zoom available for those who prefer to meet virtually.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Library Board adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Submitted: Korie Buerkle, Board Secretary / Interim Library Director