

MINUTES

Meeting of the Farmington Public Library Advisory Board
Farmington Public Library 24 Person Conference Room
Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 4:00 pm

Members Present: R. Scott Brannen, Michelle Foster, Rebecca Miller, Philana Thompson, Lyndsie Valdez
Staff Present: Karen McPheeters, Ruth Gallegos

- I. Call to order – 4:08 – R. Scott Brannen
 - a. Introduction of new members
 - i. Scott Brannen came to bring “tots” for a Napoleon Dynamite event around 20 years ago at the library, he is now retired, this is his third meeting, he is Advisory Board President
 - ii. Michelle “LaLa” Foster’s children are both library junkies and she is a long term substitute for the schools, which is what brought her to the library board
 - iii. Becky Miller moved here 14 years ago, she is a retired dental hygienist, she is usually busy at the gym and church, and loves coming to the library. She enjoyed learning about the facets of the library during her tour
 1. Karen talked about “super users” at the library and mentions that Becky is one of those. The “super users” did not stop during the Pandemic, FPL opened as soon as possible. Numbers are not what they were before the Pandemic, but we are slowly coming back.
 - iv. Lyndsie Valdez, born and raised in Farmington, library is special to her and has wanted to be more involved
 - v. Philana Thompson, has volunteered in many different places in the community over the past 25 years and is excited to volunteer as a Library Board Member now
 - vi. Karen McPheeters, Director of the library, fell into this job when she moved to the area, has been the Director for 33 years, has seen many extraordinary things happen throughout her time here
- II. Action Items
 - a. Amendments to and/or approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
 - i. Motion to approve as distributed made by Michelle
 - ii. Seconded by Philana
 - iii. Unanimously approved by board members present
 - b. Library Card Policy discussion
 - i. Scott had a note on the library card policy under the social security number under section 2,b,iii
 1. His concerns were that patrons should not have to give their social security number

2. Karen explained that patrons do not have to use the social security number, but that it is secure if they do
- ii. Motion to approve the library card policy made by Scott
- iii. Seconded by Michelle
- iv. Approved unanimously by board members present.
- c. Materials Selection Policy discussion
 - i. Discussion is held regarding the policy
 - ii. Karen informs members that materials selection is about equity. We do not have the legal responsibilities that the schools have to censor books. Selection of materials and getting individuals the information they need when they need it is a right for everyone. The library is one place where it does not matter who you are and everyone is treated equally
 - iii. Karen gives the board some examples of book challenges. As the Library Director, Karen follows the procedures outlined in the policy after a book is challenged
 1. Karen explains that the library is a “book buffet”. The philosophy is if you do not want to check something out, don’t.
 2. Books have been banned here in San Juan County.
 - iv. Scott shares his notes on the policy with the board.
 - v. Board makes the decision to take time to look at the policy draft changes and will vote on the policy at the next meeting

III. Information Items

- a. Discussion of upcoming policies for review
 - i. Group Visit Policy
 - ii. Public Demonstration Policy
 - iii. Computer and Internet Policy
 1. Ruth will send out a proposed draft of these policies at least a week prior to the meeting
- b. Vote on Materials Selection Policy at the next meeting in October after members have time to review the changes
- c. Beanstalk Update – Karen
 - i. Beanstack App used for library reading programs now
 - ii. The library reading program had amazing growth this summer
 - iii. Foam Party at the end of summer reading, approx.800 attended, very successful
 1. Foundation bought towels for everyone
 2. Sprinklers were available
 - iv. Staff received a “burger party” at the end of summer reading to celebrate
- d. Library Director’s Report
 - i. Everyone’s job is to read. The library will do year round reading programs from now on to get people involved in the community.

- ii. It has been a long battle to get people to read and our library has done amazing things to promote that
- e. Scott thanked Karen for the library report

IV. New Business

- a. Becky went to the commercial building at the state fair and was wondering why the library and museum are not represented.
 - i. Karen informs board that if you have a booth at the fair you have to sign an agreement that you will have the booth manned at all times during the fair. The library does not currently have the staff to do so
 - ii. The library tries to be selective in their partnerships with other community organizations
 - 1. The library just bought an interactive art piece for the library
 - a. Targets a specific group but appeals to all ages.
 - b. Visible when you come into the library.
 - iii. The airstream will be at the Growers Market on Aug. 27.
 - 1. The library has 200 canning books; individuals can get those books for free if they “do” something for us like get a library card or sign up for the newsletter

V. Adjourn – 5:41 pm

- a. Next meeting is Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Approved by board on October 18, 2022

<i>Mick Latt</i>	<i>vice president</i>	<i>10-18-22</i>
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