

Mendon City Library Board Meeting

Date: April 12, 2017

Attendees

Library board members: Katie Child, Paul Willie, Bonnie Odd, Lisa Robins, Kookie Tanner, Mary Heers, Millie Smith. City council member liaison: Karole Sorensen. Library directors: Maren Benson, Brittany Benson.

Minutes from previous meeting

Lisa Robins read the minutes from the board meeting on November 2, 2016, and the board approved the minutes.

Frequency of board meetings

Katie suggested that the library board meet once a quarter, and the board approved the change. The next meeting will be in July.

New library board members

Katie introduced the new library board members, Kookie Tanner and Mary Heers.

Library update

Maren and Brittany reported on the library circulation. Maren reported that Mondays were currently the busiest day of the week followed by Wednesdays due to storytime. The library averages 50 circulations per day (which includes check ins and check outs). Maren reported that the librarians sign up one or more new library cards per day. New books, including classics, are being added daily. The top circulating genres are juvenile fiction, fiction, and easy readers.

Brittany and Maren said they are discussing different programs and activities that appeal to adults, teens, and children. Brittany reported on the teen video game activity, which had 12-15 kids in attendance. She said most of the kids heard about the activity through Facebook. She said she will work more with the Mendon Youth Council for advertising activities. The next activity for teens will be Humans vs. Zombies in coordination with the North Logan Library.

The board discussed ways to reach out to the adults in the community. Bonnie suggested planning an activity for adults and allowing the attendees to "shop" for their favorite books, and then the library will purchase the suggested titles.

Eagle Scout project

Kody Helms organized a service project for his Eagle Scout project. The group helped with barcoding and shelving and completed about 300-400 books.

Book sale

Maren reported that the library will be holding a book sale with the proceeds going to the library. Most of the books included in the sale are donations, multiple copies, or outdated materials. The sale will help clear out the unused collection, and unsold books will be donated to Deseret Industries.

Chess tournament and snowman contest

Paul Willie led a chess tournament at the library. The tournament was attended by about 12 people over a wide age range. The library board needs to find someone to head up a chess club. The snowman contest was cancelled due to melting snow, but the library hopes to host the activity next winter.

Friends of the Mendon Library vs. Mendon Library Board

The library board discussed the formation of the Friends of the Mendon Library and its responsibilities. The board agreed that the time was right to organize a Friends group. Katie suggested that the two groups could meet together, but said you must close one meeting before beginning the next. The Friends group would support, promote, and plan activities for the library and could have an unlimited number of members.

The Friends of the Library could also plan one to two fundraising activities a year. The first fundraising activity for the library will be a piano concert held near July 24th with two to three performances. Paul Willie is organizing the event with help from Richard Watkins.

Paul Willie has volunteered to chair the Friends of the Library. The library board will discuss the Friends of the Library more at the next meeting in July.

Eccles Foundation

Katie reported that the library raised the matching funds to receive the Eccles Foundation grant and received a check for \$75,000.

The library board and directors discussed the need for an outdoor book drop. Maren reported that a smaller, portable unit costs about \$1000 with an additional \$300 in shipping. Katie and Bonnie suggested getting a larger, permanent option, which may cost \$4000. The board discussed using funds from the Eccles grant to purchase the book drop and will finish discussions at the library board meeting in July.

Budget

Rick Shelton will put together the fiscal budget, and the board can meet to discuss the budget.

Building landscaping

The library board discussed the landscaping around the building. Paul Willie said that the city council needs to approve the landscaping plan. He hopes to have three Eagle Scouts organize the installation of the landscaping plants and an additional two Eagle Scouts lead the installation of the sprinkling system. Karole said she would talk with the city council about approval for the landscaping design and installation.

Meeting adjourned

The meeting was adjourned until July 11, 2017, at 8 pm at the Mendon Library.