

# Mendon City Library Board Meeting

DATE: APRIL 10, 2019

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## Attendees

Library board members: Katie Child, Lisa Robins, Millie Smith, Mandy Powell, Paul Willie, Heidi Hyatt, Bonnie Odd, Rick Shelton. City council liaison: Karole Sorensen. Library directors: Maren Benson, Brittany Benson.

## Minutes from previous meeting

The board voted to approve the minutes from the meeting on January 10, 2019.

## Update on the library

Librarians, Brittany Benson and Maren Benson updated the board on the library. Maren reported that the circulation numbers for the winter were 1,610 in January, 1,930 in February, and 1,909 in March. Mountainside Elementary had a reading contest, and Maren reported that the library issued 15 library cards during the contest. (The usual number is 3-4 per month).

Maren reported that the library received a nice, portable telescope as a donation from Campbell Scientific and the Cache Astronomy Society. The telescope will be available for patrons to check out for one week, and it will be used in library programming.

The theme for this year's summer reading program is space. Mandy said that she had a lot of books and resources on space that she was willing to loan the librarians.

Brittany updated the board on the library's St. Patrick's Day party. She said 30-35 kids and parents attended the party. The kids made leprechaun slime, had a treasure hunt, and played games. The program was very popular.

The board discussed possible programming ideas for adults. Katie said she knew Darren Parry who could talk about Native American tribes. Maren said the library would host a summer reading program for the adults again this summer.

## Budget update

Maren reported that the fiber internet has been installed, and the cost was \$1293.22. The board reviewed the budget and felt expenditures were in line with the budgeted amounts.

## Cemetery stroll

Karole led the discussion about the cemetery stroll fundraiser. Karole would like 10-12 storytellers. Possible storytellers include Eric Bowen, Jason Rich (Texas Jack), Carrie Rich, Mary Heers, Paul Willie, Larry Olsen, Vicky Doolittle, Kookie Tanner, Valerie Larsen, Brandon Bowen, Karen Muir, and Steve Baker. Possible stories are available on Rod Sorensen's website.

For the stroll, the board needs to find some canopies and chairs for the story tellers. Karole said she will need help from the board with tickets and admission, parking, water, and refreshments. The board would like to charge \$15 per family or \$5 per adult. There is no parking at the cemetery, so attendees will park at Pioneer Park.

A possible flyer title is "Stories Behind Stories." The flyer should include the date, times, parking information, featured stories or characters. Possible advertising sources are the Mendon Facebook pages, the Herald Journal, and the Mendon City utilities. Begin spreading the word about the stroll two to three months before the event. If the stroll is held during the city's 24<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations, the board decided it should be held Friday from 6-8 pm and Saturday from 4-8 pm. The board discussed possibly having the story tellers split into two shifts on Saturday so that they don't have to be at the event for 4 hours.

### **Grants**

Ryan Yonk has been helping write grants for the library. Karole reported that RAPZ was unhappy (again) with the way the library filed our application. This year, RAPZ said the library's grant application should have been filed by the library and not by the city. Karole does not think RAPZ processed the application.

### **Meeting adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at 8 pm in the reading room of the library.