

**Oregon Public Library District
300 Jefferson St.
Oregon, IL 61061**

Board of Trustees

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting: February 18th, 2021

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Rick Bunton at 6:00PM. Trustees present: Rick Bunton, Pam Steele, Jennifer Pierce, Wendy Nelson, and John Young; quorum established. A potential new board member also joined us. Her name is Rachel Brunner.

2. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Steele moved to approve the agenda, Mr. Young seconded; unanimous voice vote of approval.

3. Consent Agenda

Ms. Pierce moved to approve the consent agenda, Ms. Steele seconded; unanimous voice vote of approval.

4. Priority Announcements/Information Sharing

A. *Programs, Some upcoming programs for March include a Make and Take arts and crafts experience, also the book club will be meeting in March at the Rock River Center to have more space for social distancing. All libraries across Northern Illinois are advertising a zoom event with the author, John Sanford. We have purchased 50 seats at 90 cents per seat. Planning for personal and virtual summer reading programs are being developed. More details of upcoming events are presented in the Director's Report.*

B. *Sorolla Portrait, is currently in Virginia at the Chrysler Museum on display.*

5. President's Report None

6. Treasurer's Report None

7. New Business

A. *Annual Financial Review and Certified Copy to Vote*

Mr. Young moved to approve the review, Ms. Steele seconded; unanimous voice vote.

B. Director's Report

Circulation is on the rise and went up in January. Due to COVID circulation is about half the percentage it was last year at this time. 9% of items checked out are physical items. There is also an increase in social media. Program attendance in January was positive with an average attendance of 11 participants. Patron numbers continue to increase. Rochelle Hospital

contacted the library regarding a special service opportunity. The Library was asked to be a call center for vaccine registration for individuals without use of the internet. Working with local businesses has been a success. In February Oh's Bakery prepared cooking making kits for a library program and Cyn's Treasures prepared 10 paintings. Work is continued on Dial-a-story and the Story Walk. The summer reading theme has been selected as "Color Your World".

C. COVID 19 - Vaccine

It has been decided that knowing 70% of the library staff self selected to be vaccinated and has received their first dose, that all employees have freedom to choose or not to become vaccinated. Books will have a 24 hour quarantine beginning on February 24th.

D. Policy Review

Ms. Steele moved to approve no changes to the policy review at this time, Mr. Young seconded; unanimous voice vote.

8. Old Business

A. Reopening Phase, The Library will start to get back to offering Passport services again.

B. Patron Donation, currently we are in the process of information gathering and considering options such as a CD.

9. Comments/Questions from Trustees/Public (2 minutes)

None

10. Adjournment

Adjourned at 6:27PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Zimmerman Pierce
Secretary, Oregon Public Library