

Oregon Public Library  
Board Meeting Minutes  
June 17, 2021

1. Call to Order

- a. 6:00 p.m. Meeting was called to order by President Rick Bunton.  
Present: Katie Beeh, Rick Bunton, Pam Steele, Director Hilaree Lombardo, Rachel Brunner

2. Approval of Agenda

Katie moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Pam. All in favor and Approved.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Pam moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Katie. All in favor and Approved.

4. Priority Announcements/Information sharing

- a. Upcoming Programs: Director Hilaree shared about programs currently running and those to come.

- Summer Reading--Kids programs are off to a great start
- U of I Extension Office will offer a program on Rainbow of foods on June 29th
- The library is offering access to a virtual showing of the PBS film *Long Shadow* which will be available on the website from June 21-28 and there will be an option to sign up for a Q&A with the director (to be held on June 24th at 7pm)
- Beth Simeone brought copies of the *Art of Oregon to the Next Picture Show* in Dixon, IL.
- There will be a Library Night at the River's Edge Farmers' Market on August 12th

- b. Sorolla Update - the work is on display in Milwaukee until October 3, 2021

- c. Budget hearing will be held on July 15th and that information was published in the local papers.

- D. We finally received closure notice from the Office of Civil Rights--we are officially considered accessible

5. President's Report: Rick attended a Hands On Oregon meeting and found out that the city will not be doing their usual bike displays around town, but if the Library would like to participate, we can have a bike to decorate and place on our lawn.

6. Treasurer's Report: No report

7. New Business

- A. Director's Report: Increase in all materials checked out; Increase in social media useage; 14 programs were held and there were 113 attendees; Computer

use is up; Still use of scholastic and teachables; Passport submissions (including renewals) were 31

B. Strategic Planning Committee has been reevaluating our Mission and Vision statement. The new proposed mission statement is: "A Portal to the Past, Present, and Future." Next steps including soliciting feedback from library staff and other stakeholders and developing our Vision statement. The next meeting will be June 25, 2021 at 10:30.

C. Working Budget Discussion

- Proposed putting more money into our memorial fund due to more money being donated this year
- Proposed a \$3000 increase for wages (due to state wage increase and a 2% decrease in IMRF)
- Recommended reducing funding for Kids' Programs from \$1000 to \$800
- Recommended keeping \$2000 for legal fees
- Recommended keeping \$3000 for gallery expenses and possibly increasing (using donation funds) to invest in conservation of art pieces and offering events in the gallery
- Utility costs have reduced this year so change fund to \$20,000
- Any questions can be directed to Hilaree

D. July 4th Observance -- we are already closed on Sundays (July 4th is a Sunday this year) and we will have no additional closures

E. No changes to policy - Approved

F. Hilaree has given her resignation (and we are all sad about it) -- Her last day will be August 15th. She will write up a job description and we will post on RAILS and Indeed to seek applicants

8. Old Business

- a. Reopening Phase: We are moving into Phase 6: Gradual Transition to Normal Walk-in Service. No meetings will be exclusively held via ZOOM due to the Open Meetings Act but Zoom will be an option for attendance (without participation from those attending via ZOOM).

9. Comments/Questions from Trustees/Public: Pam expressed her thanks to Hilaree for her excellent service in the last few years. All board members Concurred.

Adjournment: President Rick Bunton adjourned the meeting at 6:49.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Brunner  
Secretary Pro-tem