

Oregon Public Library

Board Meeting

Nov 18, 2021

Attendees: Rick Bunton, Karly Spell, Randi Webb, John Young, Stephanie Nissen, Rachel Brunner, Pam Steele

Guests: John & Karna Croft

Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm. Karly moved to approve the agenda, John seconded. Rachel moved to approve the consent agenda, Randi seconded.

Priority Announcements: Our second strategic planning meeting was held on Nov. 16th. We discussed our non-negotiable goals and plan to conduct a SWOT analysis in January. Stephanie will be doing employee reviews this Saturday and Christmas bonuses will go out in December checks .

Director's Report: First teen advisory meeting was Oct. 30--9 kids showed up. Stephanie is creating a website for the advisory group and will be scheduling meetings starting in January. After a two week trial, we are moving forward with Library Aware for an e-newsletter. The newsletter would begin in January. Stephanie is working on the website--specifically on forms. The Per Capita Grant is in progress. Stephanie is reviewing the areas in need of improvement and had several items that should be addressed. She believes our work on the strategic plan will be a huge asset to completing that grant. We will be moving to a receipt printer instead of the stamping system, ideally in mid-December. Cari has added binge boxes for checking out, including holiday binge boxes with various books and movies. There is also a puzzle library where patrons can check out puzzles. Stephanie recommended participating in IGA's Illinois Library Presents, which will give us access to 6-12 author events from January to June for \$75. John made a motion to participate in Illinois Library Present's and Karly seconded. The voice vote was unanimous. Camp I Read will be the theme for the summer reading program. The program will be shared with the park district in January.

President's Report: none

Treasurer's Report: none

Old Business: Karly Spell was officially sworn in as a Trustee member. We have a full board.

New Business: Per Capita Grant is due Mid-January. We approved participating IGA's Illinois Library Presents.

Questions or Comments from the Public: Karna & John Croft, trustees for Betty Croft's estate, presented the Library with an original Jeff Adams sculpture. John shared some

information about Betty Croft (his aunt), including a brief life story and the role libraries played in her life. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm by Rick Bunton.