

Minutes
Hansen Community Library Board of Trustees
March 7, 2022

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Elva McNurlin, Walt Freestone, Eileen Turner, Sarha Berry, Louise Baily and Linda Mortensen.

STAFF: Cindy Bjorneberg

Chairman Elva McNurlin called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Sarha moved to approve the agenda, Louise seconded the motion, motion carried.

MINUTES: Louise moved to approve the minutes, Eileen seconded the motion, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Linda read the treasurer's report. Eileen moved to accept the treasurer's report as read, Walt seconded the motion, motion carried. Sarha asked if Cindy had checked into why the Idaho Power bill was so high. Cindy said she assumed it was due to the extremely cold weather but would call to verify.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Seuss & Dia! Update – Cindy reported that 15 kids and 6 adults attended the Dr. Seuss festivities on March 5. We played Dr Seuss games, read Dr. Seuss books and ate a Dr. Seuss-themed cake. Dia! Is Saturday, April 30. We plan to do book crafts at the Community Center.

LTAI wrap up – A total of 22 individuals from the Kimberly and Hansen libraries participated in the Let's Talk About It program this year. The Idaho Commission for Libraries is offering a chance to extend LTAI by having three 1-hour chats with authors whose books are recent additions to LTAI. The first one is Grace Olmstead talking about her book "Uprooted" on Thursday, April 7 from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Mountain time. That is during National Library Week. Cindy has registered for the event and is advertising it to patrons.

NEW BUSINESS:

Summer Reading Update – Cindy met with the extraordinary summer reading volunteer team on March 4 to get started planning themes, activities and snacks. The 2022 theme is Oceans of Possibilities.

Hansen Day Parade – The Hansen Day Parade is July 16. Eileen has spoken with Riley Hull who is willing to pull our trailer with his rebuilt tractor. Eileen suggested purchasing bouncy balls to hand out during the parade rather than candy. She has priced 1-inch super balls and asked board members for donations. Eileen will place the order and bring the super balls to the library for storage until the parade.

Employee Update – Sharon is taking some time off in March and Lauren has been out sick. Cindy hired a new teen employee, Lily Stanger, to work beginning March 4. Cindy has unavoidable conflicts with being able to open the library at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9 and Wednesday, March 16 and is unsure whether Sharon will be available those dates. She asked if she should post a sign that the library will open at 3 p.m. those days or if Lily's mom, LeeJean

Stanger, could be given a stipend to be at the library with Lily until Cindy arrived. The board prefers not to have the library open late those two dates.

Cindy also said her long-planned, oft-postponed trip to Eastern Europe appears to be back on for March 20-29. She has asked Sarha to be prepared to cover March 28, should Sharon not be available.

ICfL – Cindy has completed the Coding as a Playground virtual book club and the library will receive its KIBO robot soon. This robot is intended for young learners and can be utilized with the Hansen Elementary should their 21st Century grant application be approved or with Second Stem Saturdays beginning in the fall.

Cindy also participated in the IcfL's Digital Inclusion Workshop (March 2-3). The purpose of the workshop was to think about how help patrons better utilize digital media/the internet now that most libraries have enhanced their digital access. She also participated in the ICFL banned book training (held February 10) in which 5 Idaho libraries (in that cohort) had active book challenges. The situation continues to fester with House Bill 666 passing the Idaho House. This measure would fine librarians up to \$1,000 plus face a potential 1 year in jail for checking out objectionable material to a minor.

DIRECTOR UPDATE

Cindy participated in a webinar about changes to the State Central Registry, where financial information is posted each December. Entities that receive sales tax, can lose a portion of their sales tax for non-compliance. Districts that rely on property taxes, such as the library, would not be able to take the 3 percent increase if they fail to meet the filing deadlines.

The Idaho Legislature is also considering a property tax reform bill that would essentially eliminate property tax and shift taxing districts to sales tax. To keep taxing districts whole, the state sales tax would be increased to the highest rate in the nation.

During the Digital Inclusion summit, Cindy learned of the University of Washington's Misinformation Day (March 15). She has registered to receive the materials and is interested in holding a slimmed down version before the 2022 election.

Kanopy is a video streaming service that has joined Overdrive, the library's partner for e-books and audiobooks. Cindy will participate in a webinar on March 14 to learn more and if this service may fit the Hansen library community.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Attest:

Cindy Bjorneberg
Director

Elva McNurlin
Chairman

Pending Items:

- Review Collection Development Policy – Board
- Review Circulation Policy – Board
- Review Request for Reconsideration Form – Board
- Dia! April 30 – Cindy & Elva
- Notify County of Budget Hearing by April 30 – Cindy
- Begin working on the 2022-23 Budget – Cindy
- Develop Inventory List – Cindy
- Plan 2022 Summer Reading Program – Cindy
- Administer LTC & ARPA grants – Cindy
- Financial information requested by Mike Burr – Cindy
- Write volunteer policy – Cindy
- Write treasurer job description – Cindy