

Minutes

Hansen Community Library Board of Trustees
Hansen Community Library, 120 Maple Ave W, Hansen, ID 83334

May 1, 2023 – 7 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Elva McNurlin, Walt Freestone, Louise Baily and Sarha Berry

STAFF: Cindy Bjorneberg

GUESTS: Leejean Stanger and Tara MacTaggart

Chair Elva McNurlin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Sarha moved to amend the agenda to move new business to the first item of business, Walt seconded the motion, motion carried. Walt moved to approve the amended agenda, Sarha seconded the motion, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hansen Day Bingo participation – Leejean Stanger and Tara MacTaggart are co-chairing Hansen Day 2023. They asked the board of trustees if they would be willing to run bingo from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, 2023, at City Park. Prizes are being collected by City Hall and the Hansen Day Committee will help with setting up bingo. The library will keep the proceeds. Louise volunteered to run bingo on behalf of the library board. The 2023 theme is “Bridging the Gap.” The parade begins at 10 a.m.

Louise moved that the Hansen Library Board run the Hansen Day bingo, Sarha seconded the motion, motion carried.

MINUTES: On the April 3 minutes, balanced should be corrected to balance under the lending guidelines. In the April 7 minutes, questins should be questions. Louise moved to accept the April 3, 2023 regular meeting and April 7 and April 28 special board meeting minutes as corrected; Walt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Sarha served as treasurer. Cindy read the report. Louise moved to accept the treasurer’s report as presented, Walt seconded the motion, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adult Book Discussion -- Eight attended the April 5th discussion on “Where I Can’t Follow” by Ashley Blooms. This concludes the adult book discussion for FY 2022/23. Helen will apply for a Let’s Talk About It grant as soon as process opens.

Draft Volunteer Policy – Sarha questioned the use of the word “work” under point one. It will be replaced with report. Pronouns to be used throughout the document are they/their. A discussion followed about adding a clause that volunteer work is not guaranteed. Walt moved to approve the volunteer policy as amended, Louise seconded the motion, motion carried.

Public Comment Policy – Cindy checked with ICRMP (Idaho Counties Risk Management Program) regarding public recordings (Library has no obligation to obtain nor archive recordings made by others attending the meeting) and limiting public comment to Hansen Library District residents (perfectly acceptable).

Sarha suggested that comments be limited to 2 minutes per person rather than 3 minutes, and for a total of 20 minutes allocated per meeting to public comment.

Cindy expressed concern about limiting public comment to Hansen Library District residents and potentially preventing an out-of-district patron from verbally supporting the library during a public meeting. Elva is concerned that people who live out-of-area will get a library card with the intention of stirring up trouble. Sarha hopes enough in-district patrons would stand up to defend the library so we would not have to rely on out-of-district patrons. Elva said out-of-district patrons should be encouraged to submit written comments.

Cindy suggested no virtual/remote testimony,. Walt suggested public comment be at the end of the meeting rather than the beginning but Elva preferred that people could say their piece and leave if they wanted, rather than sitting through the entire meeting.

The intro will be changed to allow written comments and in-person oral presentations. Sarha suggested that in case of disagreements, all present must use grace and tact.

Sarha moved to reconsider the public comment policy at the June Annual Meeting, Louise seconded the motion, motion carried.

Kindergarten Readiness & ESSER Grants – The Rock Creek Fire Department has been invited to kickoff the Summer Reading Program on Wednesday, May 31 at 10 a.m. The Escapuary has been invited for June 28. Cindy has rewritten the ESSER grant to purchase young adult books and five Adulting 101 programs.

MVLS/ICfL– The next Director 101 is Thursday, May 4th and will focus on budgets. Cindy was elected president of the Magic Valley Library System at the April 17th meeting. The group has opted to meet quarterly. The much-longed for STEM kits are the focus of the August meeting.

DIRECTOR UPDATE: Cindy attended the Idaho Digital Consortium annual meeting on April 20. The consortium has developed a collection development policy and reconsideration form. Cindy also attended the Idaho Library Association's virtual spring conference on April 18 that focused on strategies for how to respond to book challenges and other legal issues. She also met with the ICRMP representative on April 19 to review IRMCP benefits and services.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Attest:

Cindy Bjorneberg
Director

Elva McNurlin
Chairman

Pending Items:

Complete Kindergarten Readiness Grant reporting – Cindy
Complete Outreach for Underserved Children report -- Cindy
Administer ARP – ESSER Summer Support Grant – Cindy
Summer Reading Program – Cindy
Review Public Comment Policy – Board
Attend budget and levy training (June 2) – Cindy
Preliminary FY 23/24 budget – Cindy and Board
Hansen Day Bingo – Board and Louise
Develop Inventory List – Cindy