



Library Board Meeting

January 15, 2020 5:00 pm

- I. Call to Order
 - Minutes of the previous meeting
 - Financial Report
 - Director's update
- II. Business
 - 2020 Calendar
 - Library Future Committee - first meeting
- III. Closing
 - Concerns and Comments
 - Next meeting date
 - Adjournment

Minutes

October 23, 2019

The Owen Public Library board met at 5 pm on August 21st, 2019 with Debra Smith, Sally Martine, Nancy Garrett, Roxana Reitz, Charlie Milliren, Jeffer Scheuer and Lorelee Petersen in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President Debra Smith. The minutes of the August 21 meeting were read and approved (MMSC Roxana/Nancy)

The financial report was next perused. Lorelee reported that we need to spend more money, because it will bring our cost per circ up, and then will be reimbursed more from the county. The report was approved. (MMSC Sally/Jeffer)

The Trunk or Treat has now 13 vehicles, including the Lion's float and a cement truck!

The Jaycee's Santa Days – we will be handing out a calendar with literary celebrations. Lorelee is considering doing an Alice in Wonderland themed tea party for next year.

Under new business. Employees got a 2% raise this year! The budget for next year was approved (MMSC Sally/Charlie)

The future planning committee will be tabled until the next meeting.

A concern had been raised about the weeding of some history books, in particular some books donated by William J. Kitze. Lorelee penned a letter in response to calm the waters.

The next meeting will be held on December 11 at 5 pm

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:35. (MMSC Charlie/Jeffer)

Director's Report

2019 Review

In 2019 we had two big "firsts." We held our first summer reading party in the pavillion, celebrating Ozma of Oz's birthday and we hosted our first Trunk of Treat. Both were successful and will be held again in 2020. This summer our reading program will be inspired by Alice in Wonderland. We ended the year giving away calendar handouts that listed literary holidays and local events at the Jaycees Santa Days and at the library.

Library Future Committee

In August 2020, I will have been director in Owen for 5 years. This seems like a good time to reflect on what we are doing and where we want to go in the future. This is why I want to form a Library Future committee to go over the following:

Facility	Staff and training	Hours
Technology	Inclusion	Funding

We may find other things to discuss as well. I'd like to have the committee consider what's good now and what needs to be worked on before we begin revising the policy book. As far as I can tell, the last time the policy book was revised was in 2004. I did not include programming or services in the list because I feel like we're always talking about those things. It can be included if the committee wants it to be.

Upcoming Events

- March - Child Development Day
- April 4 - Owen Business Expo - we have tentatively lined up a local self-published business man for a book signing.
- April 7 (tentative) Straw Bale Gardening presentation by Pat Eloranta.
- April 19-25 - National Library Week
- April 25-26 - Spring Into the Arts - We're hosting Dustin Fredrick again. We've also offered space for one more artist.

Summer Reading

Currently, for Summer Reading I'm planning

- Reading Challenges for all ages, inspired by Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass. For example, "read a book with a rabbit in it" or "read a book that has a trial."
- Take and Make projects for the kids.
- Summer School Graphic Novel Club - if we can get in!
- Alice's Wonderland Tea Party

Misc.

- Anne Hamland of WVLS and I are renovating our library website to make it more up to date and functional. Our goal is to go live by February 3rd.
- New technology at the library - We have a new fax machine, new phones, a new label printing and a new scanner. I'm hoping this scanner will help with preserving and making our vintage pictures more accessible.