



Altoona Public Library Board of Trustees
Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Room – 700 8th Street SW

Minutes:

1. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order by President Miller at 7:00 PM
 - b. Board Members Present: Mindy Goldsberry, Mike Hamilton, Matt Kray, Alan Miller, Mary Rork-Watson, Abbey Strum, Mark Vance
Board members Absent: None
 - c. Library Staff Present: Kim Kietzman, Amy Turgasen, Emily Linacre, Sheila Olson
 - d. Audience Present: Sara Lofton and son
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. The agenda was approved with a motion by Kray with a second by Strum and passed unanimously.
3. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda
 - a. None
4. New Business
 1. Request to Remove
Sara Lofton presented to the board her reasons why she felt the book The Hips on the Drag Queen Go Swish, Swish, Swish should be removed from circulation. She felt the book suggests sexual behaviors and is not appropriate for children. After Sara's remarks, President Miller asked for further discussion. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to remove the title from the library's collection. The motion was made by Hamilton and seconded by Strum. The motion was defeated unanimously.
5. Approve Minutes (January 2022)
 - a. The minutes of the January 11th meeting were approved with a motion by Vance, a second by Hamilton and passed unanimously.
6. Approve Bills and Budget (January 2022)
 - a. January bills and budget were approved with a motion by Strum, a second by Vance and approved unanimously.
7. Staff Reports:

Director's Report – Kietzman stated personnel and CIP requests have been discussed. The CIP funds for building maintenance have been approved, but personnel is on hold for now due to the pending replacement of the city administrator. Kietzman was also involved in the interview process for the administrator, and those interviews were completed last week. Ashley Reddish will start as the Adult Programming Assistant

on February 14th. The staff has begun to use Slack for improved communication and fewer emails.

Adult Programming – Turgasen reported that 7 adult programs were held with attendance of 88. Fewer programs were offered this month because in-person programming was paused from January 18th through February 12th. Book Clubs continued to be held because social distancing could be maintained. A representative from SOFA (Society for Financial Awareness) presented information on social security and retirement benefits. Due to the interest in this program, a second session is planned for summer.

Teen Programming – Linacre reported another low attendance month for January for teen programming. A couple of programs were cancelled due to the programming pause. TACOS had a good attendance. Many teen programs are coming in February.

Children's Services – Olson reported some highs and lows for children's programming in January. A crafts and cocoa event was held and Officer Hale and K9 Duke made an appearance at the drive-in movie program. Many programs were cancelled due to the in-person programming pause. Children's staff used that time to create new displays in the children's room and prepare for March programs.

8. Unfinished Business

- a. Trustee Continuing Education – a webinar about safely removing a patron was assigned and discussed by the board. Another webinar will be assigned by Kietzman for the board to view prior to the next meeting.

9. Other Business – Kietzman provided details on some proposed legislation to the board and discussed some possible ramifications.

10. Agenda items for the next meeting – Policy review, CIP update, Evaluations

11. Next Meeting: March 8, 2022, at 7:00 PM at the library

12. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm with a motion by Kray and a second by Goldsberry, and unanimously passed.