

Nesmith Library Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Nesmith Library, 6:30 pm



Present:

Trustees: Theresa Abbamondi (Chair), Karen Moltenbrey (Assistant Chair), Catherine Girata (Member at Large), Robin Bostic (Recording Secretary) Jim Murphy (Treasurer), Beth Talbott (Corresponding Secretary)

Director: Sylvie Brikiatis

Assistant Director: Karen Burbank

Public: None present

Absent: Jennifer Lopez (Assistant Treasurer)

Call to Order: T. Abbamondi at 6:32 pm

Mission statement: Read by T. Abbamondi

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

K. Moltenbrey made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Session of September, 2024. J. Murphy seconded. Passed 4-0. Robin Bostic abstained.

Gifts

None

Correspondence:

No correspondence

FLOW Report:

The next F.L.O.W. meeting will be held Monday November 4, 6:30pm. It will be both a virtual and “in person” meeting.

Trustee Members to attend F.L.O.W. Meetings-

November 4, 2024-Karen Moltenbrey, December 2 2024-Robin Bostic

January 6, 2025-Beth Talbott, February 3, 2025 Theresa Abbamondi

March 3, 2025, Jen Lopez

Director's Report

Circulation

- In September 2024, 15879 items were loaned. By contrast, 15543 items were loaned during September 2023.
- Registration. 8485 patrons are registered as of the end of September.
- 60 new cards were issued in September 2024.
- Internet use. September 2024, 176 uses were recorded. This compares with 129 uses in September 2023.
- EBook lending – 937 eBooks were loaned in September 2024. 936 eBooks were loaned in September 2023.
- EAudiobook Lending –1505 eAudiobooks were loaned in September 2024.
- 1320 eAudiobooks were loaned in September 2023.
- People Counter. Visits during September 2024: 4878 Visits during September 2023: 4502
- Sunday visits. 464

Personnel

- Professional Development
 - Five employees will attend NELA meeting in Portland
 - Stephanie Rinehart received Bywater Librarian of the Month award
- Job Posting
 - Recruiting for one position
 - Six applications received, interviewing 3

Budget -Meeting with Select Board to review proposed budget is scheduled October 28, 2024.

Treasurer's Report:

We've spent 66% of the budget which is under 75% and in compliance with RSA ...

Trustee Committee's Reports:

There are no reports.

New Business:

- Strategic Plan-Members of committee have been recruited including three outside recruits and three trustees. Outside consultant may be brought in.
- Meeting schedule through March to be moved to second Tuesdays. Meeting dates will be November 19, December 10, 2024, January 14, February 11, March 18, 2025.
- The 2025 Holiday schedule was approved with Beth Talbott making a motion which was seconded by Karen Moltenbrey. Vote passed 5-0.
- Any additional new business

Old Business:

- Elaine's plaque and ceremony went well with community attendance.
- The 2025 Budget was reviewed with a new wage scale. It will increase the 2025 budget by \$15,000-\$20,000 which is a 1% increase to the 2025 operational budget.
 - A motion was made to accept the new wage rate proposal effective 8/29/2024 by Karen Moltenbrey and seconded by Beth Talbott. The motion passed 5-0.
 - A motion was made to accept the proposed 2025 budget by Karen Moltenbrey and seconded by Beth Talbott. The motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments:

No public comments

Announcements:

Next meeting: November 19, 2024

A motion to adjourn was given by K. Moltenbrey and seconded by Beth Talbott. Vote passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Bostic

Meeting Minutes