

## Library Advisory Board Minutes October 18, 2017

**Present Library Advisory Board Members:** Pam North, Melinda Robinson, Janet Dalgaard, Aeris Estep, Mary Jo Steele, Board Chair, Rebecca Cassidy, Vice Chair

**Absent:** Tom Miller, Library Advisory Board Member (*excused*)  
Councilor Richard Sakelik, City Councilor and Liaison to the Library (*excused*)  
Martha Swanson, Library Foundation Board Chair (*excused*)

**West Linn Staff:** Doug Erickson, Library Director, Sarah Flathman, Library Manager, Youth Services, Melanie Nelson, Assistant to the Director

**Call to Order:** Mary Jo Steele called meeting to order at 5:46p.m.

**Agenda Review:** Agenda approved 6:0.

**Public Comments:** None

**Minutes Review:** (9.20.17) Motion to accept minutes with no edits or additions by Pam North, seconded by Aeris Estep. Minutes approved 6:0.

**Director's Report:** Doug Erickson, Library Director

- **Update on relocation of the Book Store/Children's Area & Storage-** Books in the Library Book Store are now in the possession of the Library. The current conversation is to have the Library Foundation be the curator of the books for the purpose of future sales to generate money for the Summer Reading Program (biggest concern for funding) as well as other Library events. There is no definitive plan in place- there are several moving parts to the current situation. Doug will update the Library Advisory Board as soon as a final decision is made. TVFR is working with Doug on extending deadline to insure the library is compliant with current fire codes.
- **Update on Collaboration with West Linn Schools-** Thank you to the Library Foundation for purchasing the book crates that have been placed in all of the West Linn Primary Schools. These crates will be used by staff/students to return West Linn Library/LINCC items. Kimberley Rhoades, Children's Librarian will be picking up items once a week at the various schools to be returned and checked in. Doug also reported that there is a lot of excitement and positive energy coming about with all the opportunities with working with the schools. The goal of school collaboration is to assist the schools by helping the staff/ students with what they need.
- **Kindergarten (Kindy) Carnival-** Sarah Flathman, Library Manager, Youth Services- Sarah reported on the first "Kindy Carnival". This event will be an annual event. There were 350 children and parents in attendance. It was a great events as it allowed for **both**

parents to attend during this evening event. Youth Service's staff tracked how many children attended from each school. The library created 52 new library cards for patrons during this event. We had citywide support from the City, Manager Eileen Stein to Police Officers, volunteers and staff. This type of event is exactly what the library wants to do with when collaborating with West Linn primary schools.

- **Dolly Parton Imagination Library- Doug Erickson, Library Director**-This concept was created to engage birth to 5 year old children the benefit of early reading to young children. Studies provide evidence that book-sharing in early childhood may promote brain development supporting reading readiness. From the age of 0 to 5 years old, each participating child receives each year 12 books (1 per month per year) for \$25.00 a year. This program is not paid for by parents, but supported by various donors. Doug passed out an article from AAP News (American Academy of Pediatrics) to board members. Also attached to the article was a list of the books given to children at various ages. The Wilsonville Public Library currently participates in the program. Currently in Oregon, Eugene is the largest community participating in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.
- **Update on Policies-** Doug briefly stated working on an outline for a Teen policy. This policy is similar to ALA's (American Library Association) Teen policy. With the tragedies this year, it is important to give the Teens an area that they feel is "safe & their own" and not occupied by patrons that are not Teens. Doug hopes to have a draft of the policy for Library Advisory Board review at the November Library Advisory Board meeting.

**Foundation Update: Melinda Robinson, Foundation and Library Advisory Board Member-**

Melinda reported the Library Foundation was excited to participate in the Kindy Carnival and happy assist with the crates in schools. The Foundation is currently meeting with potential new board members. The Holly Grace Jones endowment has grown to just shy of 90K. The Foundation is informally discussing the possibility of sponsoring the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. More details to come. The Foundation expressed the willingness to assist with the Book Store during this transitional time.

**Board Comments:** Mary Jo Steele, Library Board Chair commented that with the new direction of the Library Book Store, now is the time for Board Members to be active and engaging with this transition for the Library. All members are on the Library Board because of their love of books and the West Linn Library. It is time to work together for the betterment of the Library and the patrons it serves.

**Adjournment:** Rebecca Cassidy, Vice Chair moved to adjourn the meeting. Aeris Estep seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 6:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Nelson, Assistant to the Director