

Bonneville County Library District

Minutes of the Bonneville County Library District Board of Trustees Meeting April 11, 2024

Called to order at 9:12 am by Board Chair Debra Haacke

Present: Debra Haacke, Karen Harris, Rebecca Blackson, Jenni Cragun, Jennifer Crofts, Library Director Michelle Tolman, and District Clerk Myra Judkins. Members of the public in attendance included Cheryl Papke, Kathy Kula, and Janet McKell.

On a motion duly made and seconded after due deliberation, the following resolution passed:

RESOLVED, that the consent agenda was approved. The consent agenda included: the minutes from the previous meeting March 13th, the financial report for March, and the clerk hours reports for March. (Karen motioned; Jen seconded.)

On a motion from Rebecca, which was seconded by Jenni, a roll call vote was taken to enter executive session with board members Debra Haacke, Karen Harris, Rebecca Blackson, Jenni Cragun, and Jennifer Crofts. The results were unanimous and the board entered executive session at 9:16 am in accordance with §74-206(1)(b).

Executive session ended at 9:51 am.

Through the surveys that were administered, the board received a large amount of information to process. The full director evaluation will be finalized and presented to Michelle at the meeting in May. No vote was deemed necessary at this time.

Idaho legislators passed a bill creating The Children's School and Library Protection Act, so the board discussed what the library would need to do to be in compliance with the law when it goes into effect on July 1, 2024. Current policies will be reviewed to see what changes may be needed. Further guidance is anticipated from Idaho legislators and ICfL.

Rebecca left at 10:15.

Debra left at 10:44 and Jen agreed to assume the duties of chairperson for the remainder of the meeting.

On a motion duly made and seconded after due deliberation, the following resolution passed:

RESOLVED, that the Library District take a proactive approach to restrict checkouts to minors (overrides subject to parent approval) of materials that might be deemed harmful for children under the Children's School and Library Protection Act. This policy will go into effect July 1, 2024. The board will be immediately contacted if there are any formal challenges to materials. (Jenni motioned, Karen seconded.)

The board decided to move the agenda item "Determine Level of Involvement in Community Organizations" to the next meeting in May.

Michelle reported that in March Library continued to hold regular storytimes, STEAM programs, activities, book clubs, and classes while adding a "Puzzled at the Library" opportunity for people to connect with others while putting together puzzles. There was an embroidery night at Iona with local author, Ann Marie Petersen. The library also had two special story times that included guests. The

first was a local author, Jeana Atkinson, who read her book, *How to Eat a Cupcake*. The second was a beautiful reading of *Ferdinand the Bull* accompanied by a live violinist. Grants for purchasing more large print books and for Summer Reading were awarded as well. Options are continuing to be explored for finding a space for a Ucon branch.

The Friends of the Library report was in the form of a letter to the board from FABL. It informed the board of the results of the Adult Egg Scramble (an egg hunt with flashlights), the fundraising event they hosted in March. The event sold out before doors opened and Modern Woodsmen offered a matching donation. Funds raised will go to the summer reading program and plans for next year's event are underway.

Public comment was given by Janet McKell. She explained that she is a graduate student studying rural social work and is curious to see how a rural community would choose to respond to the legislation that has passed. She expressed appreciation to witness the deliberation process.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, May 9th, 2024 at 9:00 am at the Ammon Branch, 3015 S 25th E Ammon, ID 83406. The Director Evaluation will be finalized and the Director Contract terms will be decided at that meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 am by unanimous vote. (Jenni motioned, Karen seconded.)