

Logan Library Board Meeting

July 11th, 2022

Board members Sandra, Helen, Judy, Gene & Gary

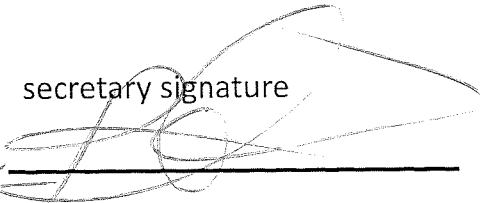
1. Read and approved last month's minutes - motion by Helen, seconded by Judy & approved by all
2. Reviewed & approved monthly bills - motion by Gene, seconded by Judy & approved by all
3. Director report
 - a. Abby reported on Summer Reading Program
 - b. High School Intern position has been discussed with Angela & is feasible based on our current budget with no amendments - Helen moved we approve the creation of the position & authorize staff to begin promoting & interviewing, Gene seconded, approved by all
 - c. MidAmerica grant for lighting upgrade has been approved, we are waiting to hear from ROI regarding scheduling
 - d. Recently Challenged Materials - two Request for Reconsideration forms were submitted regarding "Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk & the Pride Flag" by Rob Sanders, currently shelved in the Junior NonFiction section. The book has been in our collection since 2018 with no objection until it was displayed for Pride Month.
 - i. Public Comment was heard & limited to 2 minutes per patron
 - ii. Three patrons spoke against the book - Fran Hutson, Lori Straight, & Bob Morton - All speaking to the religious morality of the subject matter
 - iii. Two patrons spoke in favor of the book - Pam Glassmeyer & Tim Pagett - All speaking to the importance of offering options & representation
 - iv. Staff Member Althea Penrose, Library Director Kate Simmons & Board Member Gene Esser spoke in favor of retaining the book
 - v. Board members discussed the need for a review of the materials & the possible convenement of a special session meeting should more discussion be required. Fran, Lori, & Bob departed from the meeting, Pam & Tim remained.
4. An update was provided regarding the employment of Jennifer Andregg, she submitted a letter that was accepted as her resignation & it is assumed her resignation is a reaction to the recently challenged materials.

5. A request was made by the board members present that the challenged book be read aloud prior to adjournment to allow members to hear the material in question. Kate read the book aloud to all members & showed the illustrations.
 - a. Following the reading board members debated whether more discussion was necessary. Board members agreed that while there are diverse opinions regarding the book's subject matter there was nothing in the challenged material that violated the Collection Development Policy of the Logan Public Library
 - b. A motion was made by Gene to retain the book in our Juvenile NonFiction section, the motion was seconded by Gary & the motion was approved by all board members
 - c. Kate will draft a response letter to patrons who have submitted the Request for Reconsideration forms for board approval. Upon board approval the response letter will be mailed via USPS
 - d. Board members decided that any additional Request for Reconsideration forms for this specific item will be presented to the board for review but may not be discussed unless a new perspective regarding the item is presented
6. The board discussed the timeline presented for the review of the bylaws of the Logan Public Library & approved the plan presented by the Library Director & opted to table the review of the first three sections of the bylaws, Collection Development/Reconsideration of Materials/Collection Maintenance & Weeding to the August meeting.
7. Meeting Adjourned

Board president signature

secretary signature

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