

Library Commission approved minutes as presented on date Nov 19, 2019.

1. CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Pamela Bailey, Chair, called the meeting of the Library Commission to order at 6:30PM on Tuesday October 8, 2019.

Members Present: Pamela Bailey, Chair; Kathleen Poulsen, Vice-Chair; Jon Youngberg; Kirsten Beier; Valyrie Ingram;

Members Absent: Nickie Augustine (excused); Elizabeth Beechwood (excused);

Staff: Colleen Winters, Library Director

Council Liaison: Adolph “Val” Valfre

Others: Morgan Knapp

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS to Agenda: More library programming information since last month, from Bob A. of library staff.

3. APPROVE LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF Sep 10, 2019:

MOTION: Valyrie moved, seconded by Kirsten, to approve the Sep 10, 2019 minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED** by all.

4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

5a. FOUNDATION REPORT: Colleen Winters shared comments about the activities of the Library Foundation of Forest Grove:

a) The Ginsburg Memorial is in very good shape and all work on it has been completed. This includes the metal arbor and benches by Eric Canon, and all the landscaping by Forest Landscaping.

b) The Ginsburg Memorial Garden is ready for the dedication ceremony to be held Fri Oct 11, 2019 at 5:30pm. A nice event will be held inside the library after the dedication with catered food and grand piano, etc. The Friends and the Foundation have split paying the costs of the garden and the dedication event.

c) Should there be a “thank you” for the City and the Friends and Foundation?

d) There should be some info available inside the library (?) on the plants used in the memorial garden, and how it is funded and cared for.

e) See the Library Foundation of Forest Grove's web site at: www.fglf.org.

5b. FRIENDS REPORT: Colleen Winters shared comments about the activities of the Friends of the Forest Grove Library:

- a) The Friends Board will meet again tomorrow, starting at 5:30PM.
- b) Gearing up for the Fall Used Book Sale week in October. Lots of books! Looking for volunteers, as usual.
- c) Angela Mooney has joined the Friends Board. Has agreed to create a Facebook page for the Friends.
- d) The Friends Board hosted a Chamber meeting in the Rogers Room last Friday morning, with about 20 people attending.
- e) The Friends web site is at: fglibraryfriends.org.

5c. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Adolph "Val" Valfre shared comments about the recent activities of the Forest Grove City Council:

- a) Dollar General question settled.
- b) On TV Highway from Highway 47 intersection to 1st Street in Cornelius – safety project beginning soon. ODOT and County will work on safety improvements.
- c) Severe weather shelter ordinance approved.
- d) The annual Sidewalk Chalk Art contest and the Corn Roast went well. Hoping for some way to turn these two events in downtown Forest Grove into a larger multi-day event.
- e) Anti-poverty workgroup meeting to be held soon.
- f) Japanese Fall Festival held recently.

5d. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Colleen Winters reported these items:

- a) City Council meeting Mon Oct 14. Will honor Vicky of library staff around 7:15pm for her 30 years of service to the library. Also, Nathan will discuss Summer Reading Program results. Colleen may ask Nathan to attend a future Library Commission meeting. Why have a summer reading program? Why is it important?
- b) The recent day-long **Foundation fundraiser at the Bites Restaurant** in downtown Forest Grove raised \$900, considered a success.
- c) The Fire Department's fun event to be held this next Saturday – there will be a Forest Grove City Library presence at the event.
- d) On Fri Nov 22, Colleen and some library staff will be attending a Multnomah County Library workshop on the topic of "**Rethinking Library Space Layout**" – Maker spaces, Young adult areas, etc.

6. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS:

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a) Library Programming – Part 2. Bob A. of the library staff talked with the Library Commission, again this month. The Library needs to continue connecting with the community. Service, programs, and needs of the community lead to decisions made about new adult programming.

45 people attended the Willy Vlautin reception and event (including book signing) last week. He talked to all, and then answered questions. The Friends paid for the expenses for the event including the catering.

Hoping to work with Pacific University on some future events and hope to schedule some musical performance programs, as usual.

Near horizon (thru end of 2019) programming and activities include:

- (1) Tue Oct 29 – Hiking Oregon’s History with Bill Sullivan
- (2) Sat Nov 9 – Death Café – talk about death and dying 2-4pm.
- (3) Sat Nov 16 – Land of the Midnight Murder: Scandinavian Crime Fiction
- (4) Tues Dec 3 – Outbound Traveler

b) 110th Anniversary Party to be held Sat Oct 26, 2019 – 1 to 4pm (This also last day of used book sale at the other end of the library, so this will be a busy day at the library!). Community can participate during the party: contests, events, activities. Our last-minute details discussions touched on:

(1) Souvenir bookmarks and printing demonstrations. 1500 pre-made very-fancy anniversary bookmarks. Kathleen and Colleen have chosen a shiny-green design.

(1b) Printing of custom bookmarks.

(2) Special price (during the 110th Anniversary Party) for a \$5 bag of used books?

(3) Pamela has asked the Friends Board to confirm that they will pay for the party.

c) Gathering of the Groups - 2020. The Library Commission needs to start thinking about this upcoming event to be held in 2020. A possible discussion topic during the event: How to honor members of library-supporting committees? How is it decided who to honor, and how to honor them? The Library Commission needs to discuss this further at its future meetings as part of planning and preparation for the event in 2020.

d) WCCLS Update. Lots of internal changes are being made.

- Lisa Tattersall, WCCLS Director, may come visit at a future Library Commission meeting.

- Internal committee structure changing dramatically.

- Current committees paused, no meetings.

- May 2020 election - 5-year operating levy – very big effort to get approved.

- The Forest Grove City Library gets 70% of our funding from the levy.

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:

The next Library Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday November 19, 2019 at 6:30PM, in the Library's Rogers Room.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Chair Bailey adjourned the meeting at 8PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Colleen Winters, Library Director
Jon Youngberg, minute-taker