



**LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 10th, 2024**

Present: Andrew Love, Chair; Cathy Wasnick, Vice Chair; Norma Cardenas; Michelle Foley; Kathleen Perry; Sarah Blattner; Adreana Kusaba; Shelley Engle; Kevin Teater, City Council liaison; Kim Carroll, Library Director; Kristin Fidler, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Amanda Eng

Guests: none

Chair Andrew Love called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Introductions

Approval of Minutes from December 13th, 2023, meeting:

- Chair Andrew Love called for the approval of the December 13th, 2023, minutes. Vice Chair Cathy Wasnick MOTIONED to approve the minutes as written and Shelley Engle SECONDED. Motion PASSED.

Public Comment: none

Partner Reports

Council Report: Councilor Kevin Teater introduced himself to the board and asked the board what it hoped for in his council reports for the year. The first city council meeting of 2024 focused on housing. Both Metro and Washington County had positive reports regarding housing in the Beaverton area. The City Manager has asked the council to look at different budget scenarios for FY 24/25. The council decided that council liaisons will meet with their Board and Commissions once every quarter, so Councilor Teater will be at Library Advisory Board meetings in January, April, July, and October in 2024. Councilor Teater stressed that he is happy to come to any additional Advisory Board meeting if the board asks.

Beaverton Library Foundation: Foundation meetings are on hold indefinitely as the Foundation and the Friends merge into one organization.

New Friends of the Beaverton City Library : Cathy Wasnick reported that the New Friends of the Beaverton City Library voted to merge with the Library's Foundation. The December 2023 meeting is the last time the New Friends will meet under their old name. The New Friends have been looking over the library's wish list and decided to put funds toward the staff diversity audit, the Makerspace, the staff wellness room, to help staff to attend professional conferences, and to help fund the staff In-Service day in March. The New Friends donated \$2,000 to the People for Libraries PAC to work on the November 2025 levy. The new Foundation/Friend's group (new

name TBD) will have a retreat in late January 2024 to set goals for the year and to plan the merger of the two groups. The New Friends also gave the library \$500.00 for the Books for Babies program.

Teen Library Council: Administrative Assistant Kristin Fidler read a report put together by librarian Ian Duncanson who oversees the Teen Library Council. Over the past few months, the TLC has helped with the Family Resource Fair, the Teen Art Show, and the mock Oregon Battle of the Books at the library. The TLC is currently working on a new podcast episode and are planning an escape room event for spring 2024.

New Business:

Subcommittee Option for 2024 : The board discussed whether to have a subcommittee of members who attend Friends/Foundation meetings to report back to the board. Vice Chair Cathy Wasnick MOTIONED to continue the subcommittee. Kathleen Perry SECONDED. Motion PASSED to have a subcommittee to attend Friend/Foundation meetings in 2024.

Brainstorming for Advisory Board's 2024 City Council Presentation: Chair Andrew Love shared possible slides for the board's presentation, and board members brainstormed additional content.

Director's Report: Kim Carroll reported that the budget process for FY 24/25 is underway. WCCLS have hired consultants to look at how funding is structured, including different options for funding in the future. The consultants will be looking at a variety of factors including service levels, population distributions, and unincorporated areas. The county remains committed to their DEI priorities for centering services. The Beaverton City Library is waiting to learn how the county will distribute funds this year. The Beaverton City funding gap continues. The Friends and Foundation merger will hopefully make it easier to raise money to help the library's mission.

For the Good of the Order: The board decided to review the Council presentation again at the February meeting.

Comment Cards : Four comment cards were read by the board.

Set Date for Next Library Advisory Board Meeting:

- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. on the Zoom.gov virtual meeting platform and in the Admin Conference Room on the second floor of the main library.

Adjournment:

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kim Carroll, Library Director

APPROVED BY:
