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Spanish Fork City Library Board Meeting

February 27, 2024

5:00 p.m.

Attending:

Excused:

Call to order and roll call: Julie Rust at 5:00 PM

Items:

1. [Approve minutes from November meeting](#)
2. Board Introductions
3. Selection of Board Officers

Julie was the chair for a year and Angie has been the secretary for a year. Chairperson conducts board meeting. Went over responsibilities of each position. Would like to develop the chairperson position to help us as a board with the changes we'd like to see. Nominate Angie to chairperson position. Secretary position goes to Becky Hill.

- o First: Ben Samson
- o Second: Melanie Shockley
- o Vote: All in Favor

Talking about the SF University program for anyone who is interested.

4. Heritage Room After-Hours Use

Since we moved into the building, the Heritage room is only used during open hours of the library. Approved by city council last week. Will start to market the space more than in the past. Rental is affordable. Great use of the space. Cost varies on resident vs. non resident or weekend vs weekday. Residents are paying for this through taxes so want to differentiate between those who live here and those who don't.

Saturday hours have been extended. Feedback was to stay open later on Saturdays by an hour. So we're staying open till 5:00. Test run through April. May extend these hours further but need to be mindful of the budget. In the fall we'll open at 9:00 instead of 10:00. Staff will show up at 8:30. Everything will get moved up an hour such as storytime, etc.

5. [Themed Book Displays](#)

Called the wedding cake display. Doubled the space we have to do themed displays on. Need to be careful with this because another library had problems with a book display. Huge fallout at the library. City council member was upset with a display. Select themes that are reflective of our community. Want to recognize different cultural groups, ethnicity, or subjects. Will get approval from the board about the different themes that we will display.

Examples could be: Autism awareness or down syndrome. Summer reading program theme is "Adventure begins at the Library." Children's displays get checked out quickly. How do patrons feel about the displays? One criticism we heard was a book pushing political activism but the book was really about anti-bullying. The patron was misinformed about what the book was really about. Maybe we can have a suggestion box for what we can display. Is there a national library day? April is library staff month and library patron month is in February. Patron picks could be used or maybe Mayor's pick or even board's pick. Or we could pull the most checked out items to display. Or a save me display for books that haven't ever been checked out.

Motion by Angie. Seconded by Zylia. Motion to approve the 2024 calendar, Motion by Ben Sansom, seconded by Becky Hill.

6. [Summer Reading Donations](#)

Scott shared the spreadsheet with us about local businesses that we can contact to donate to our summer reading program. Would like to have prizes at the beginning of May. Letters will be available at the library to pick up. Becky would like to get started early. Recognizing the parents also who read to the little kids who can't read. Maybe have a prize for them too.

Training meeting brought up good points on what's upcoming at the library. The board would love to come help but we don't always know what's coming up. We can add an agenda item to know what's coming up. Maybe we could have a night to meet library staff. Library has 50 staff members now. 8 full time staff including Scott and 42 part timers. Staff meetings are the 3rd Thursday at 9:00am. Great way to meet staff people.

End of summer party is Monday, July 29.

Book Buzz under the Utah State Library has book club sets. Not enough money for our library to buy these sets.

Does this library have a latino population that uses the library? How can we pull these people in? What can we do to promote the library for them? More Spanish speaking people are using the library. No reporting done on that as of yet. Trying to hire more bilingual employees.

Put together any community organizations that we can outreach to in order to reach out to latinos to welcome to our library. We go to the HS, farmers market and nursing homes but it would be nice to further extend our influence.

Library is trying to build a new way to identify books for patrons who are coming in so they're not running into LGBTQ books if they don't want those. Will mark these books inside the cover so it doesn't look like a big red mark on the outside. Common sense media website is a good place to get a review of a book. Takes a long time to go through each book.

7. Adjourn

- o First: Melanie Shockley
- o Second: Julie Rust
- o Vote: All in Favor

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