

## ***Approved Lacey Library Board Minutes***

November 29, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

(Live and Zoom meeting)

Present: Amy Blondin, Scott Robinson, James Murray, Pam Nelson, and new student representative Sophie Allard. Blake Bresnahan, Assistant Library Manager, attended for Holly Paxson and Sharla Desy didn't attend due to illness.

Amy Blodin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Amy introduced our new student representative, Sophie Allard. Everyone introduced themselves and discussed the recent books they have read.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes to the June meeting couldn't be located. Sharla was going to continue to look for them. The main topic of that meeting was the budget request for next year. The budget request was approved and forwarded to the city on behalf of the library.

There were no public comments.

### **Library Manager's Report**

Blake presented the Library Manager's report.

TRL has hired substitute library assistants to fill in for vacation absences, vacancies, etc.

A second copier was authorized for the Hawks Prairie branch.

Lacey has a new weekly program – "Talk Time" which provides opportunities for people who are learning to speak English to practice speaking English.

The Anywhere Library Program now has seventeen stops throughout Thurston County.

Friends of the Lacey Library is sponsoring a booth for the library at the Lacey Cultural Celebration. They are also working on a banner to be placed across College Street which would advertise what Friends does for the library.

A Lacey Library patron was the winner of the 0-5 age category of the Design a Library Card Contest.

TRL has a new website which is more interactive and includes a more sophisticated search feature.

James asked questions about the circulation statistics. Hawks Prairie has seen huge increases in the number of checkouts as compared to the same period last year. Blake explained that the location had just opened last year. Also, the collection has been fine tuned to better meet the requirements of the Hawks Prairie patrons. The laptop bar at Hawks Prairie has been a great improvement.

The proposed date for the January meeting is January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Nelson