

Approved Lacey Library Board Minutes

April 17, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

(Live and Zoom meeting)

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

Present: Amy Blondin, Scott Robinson, Sharla Desy, Pam Nelson, Sophie Allard, student representative and Holly Paxson, Library Manager. No one attended via Zoom. James Murray was absent.

There were no announcements

The agenda was approved as written.

The January 24th meetings contained a typo – “and” rather than “at”. The minutes were approved with the correction.

There were no public comments.

Library Manager's Update

Holly has a new format for the report. Items in bold type in the report were funded in whole or part by the Friends of the Lacey Library.

Friends also helped purchase four entry level sewing machines. They are not available for public use yet. The library is also providing Maker Space passes. The user must have taken an on-line safety class first. The pass is good for one month from the 1st class and provides access to entry level machines and some materials. The library has two passes per month for the year at Lacey and Hawks Prairie. This was also made possible by the Friends of the Lacey Library.

2025 Budget Request

Rick Walk, the City Manager, requested the budget early so that he could add the request for the two small conference rooms to the Capital Improvement budget for 2025. If the cost exceeds \$50K, additional funds may be available from the Friends or the Lacey Library Gift Fund. The library switched to a new room booking system so usage information could not be updated from the previous budget request.

Sharla called a vote to forward the budget request to the city. It was approved unanimously.

Preliminary suggestions for next year are to replace the flooring as the carpet is from 2011. In addition, the toys in the Early Learning Area need to be refreshed. There is also a proposal to do a full refresh of the Youth Area using a woodland theme, to include a tree house.

The St. Martin's social worker student, Laia, is finishing her internship. She is fluent in Spanish and has done an excellent job of helping connect patrons with local agencies and resources.

Scott asked about the meeting room reservation system. It is an on-line system and a room can be reserved up to two weeks in advance.

Everyone discussed a book they are currently reading.

The proposed date for the next meeting is September 25, 2024. Sharla will contact Alissa at the city to reserve the room in City Hall.

For the Good of the Order

This is possibly Sophie's last meeting with the board.

Be sure to use the city e-mail addresses in all board correspondence. Holly can be e-mailed at her Timberline (.trl) address

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Nelson

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