

Lacey Library Board Minutes

January 29, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

(Live and Zoom meeting)

Present: Sharla Desy, Amy Blondin, Scott Robinson, James Murray, Pam Nelson, Avani Kumar, Youth Representative and Blake Bresnahan, Assistant Library Manager (and interim Library Manager). No one attended the meeting via Zoom.

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

The agenda was approved as written.

The minutes from the October 17, 2024, meeting were approved as written.

There was no public comment.

James Murray's appointment is ending, and this is his last meeting. James thanked the board for the opportunity to serve and the board thanked James for his service and insight.

Elections

Scott volunteered to be the Chairman for 2025. He was elected unanimously.

Amy volunteered to be the Vice Chair/Secretary for 2025. She was elected unanimously.

Library Manager's Report

Blake provided the library report. The new library manager will arrive on Feb 10, 2025. She is coming to Lacey from Arkansas. Amy and the rest of the board thanked Blake for his service as interim manager.

Timberland is reorganizing. Personnel within the Lacey Library will move to new roles. They are looking for cost savings as they face reduced funding in 2027. They are developing a new strategic direction which will focus on school age and teen learning, and helping patrons with tech.

Sharla asked about the status of the small study rooms. Scott said they are in the budget and Blake thinks that they are part of the remodel planned for later in 2025.

Program usage and the Lacey and Hawks Prairie locations continues to increase.

Car chargers have been installed in the parking lot.

The planned completion date for the Young Child and Family Center is 2027 and it will house the Hawks Prairie Branch of the library.

By-Law Review

Due to scheduling conflicts, the planned December and January meetings didn't occur. Elissa recommended that we revise Article 4 of the By-Laws to change the meeting dates to the third Thursday of January, April, June, and October. Meetings can be canceled if there is no business to address.

After discussion, the revision was unanimously approved.

2025 Meeting Calendar

Elissa proposed the following dates for the remaining 2025 meetings:

April 17th

June 19th (This is a holiday so this meeting will need to be rescheduled during the April meeting)

Oct 16th

Term Expirations

The board formally thanked James for his service as his tenure expires on Feb 2nd.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Nelson