

Approved Lacey Library Board Minutes

June 8, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

(Live and Zoom meeting)

Present: (in person) Sarah Towne, and participating via Zoom, Sharla Desy, Scott Robinson, James Murray, Pam Nelson and Holly Paxson, Lacey Timberland Library Branch Manager. Amy Blondin was absent

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

The agenda was approved.

The May 11th meeting minutes were approved as written.

There were no public comments.

Library Manager's Report

The summer program began June 1st and includes free books in the reading program and passes to Pt Defiance, Northwest Trek, or Tacoma Rainier's games for kids 12 and under.

They are gradually adding in person activities which include a craft or activity that supports STEM or early learning, and scavenger hunts that encourage movement using yoga poses. They also had a pop-up library at the Lacey Food Bank.

Youth Services branch is conducting virtual visits to promote library programs with the schools.

The Story Trail is at the Lacey Regional Athletic Complex through end of Aug.

Timberland has an additional "refresh" budgeted for Lacey library. It will probably occur in the 3rd quarter and will include a space for teens, seating, and racks for magazines.

Scott asked whether Holly has considered adding equipment to the meeting room to enable Zoom meetings, vice having to use City Hall.

Library Budget

Holly reached out to the Friends of Lacey Library president about the study room projects. He thinks the study rooms are a wonderful idea and he is happy to write a letter of support to be included with the budget submission.

Holly modified the budget cover memo per the discussion at the May 11th meeting. Her research showed that there were 519 meetings and 271 were with four or fewer persons which demonstrates the need for small study rooms.

The board voted unanimously to support the construction of study rooms and will forward the budget request to the city by July 29. Sharla will add a cover letter to Holly's request and will also include the letter from the Friends.

The next meeting will be held September 14th. Holly will meet with John to look at tech requirements to host the Zoom meeting from the library vice city council chambers.

Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Nelson