

Approved Lacey Library Board Minutes

January 12, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

(Zoom meeting)

Present: Amy Blondin, Scott Robinson, Sharla Desy, Sarah Towne, Pam Nelson

Absent: James Murray and Holly Paxson (Lacey Timberland Library Brand Manager) were unable to attend.

Amy Blondin called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes for the September meeting were approved as written.

There were no public comments.

Library Manager's Report

Holly wasn't available to present the Library Manager's Report. However, she sent an e-mail with the report prior to the meeting.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Amy read the responsibilities of the positions from the by-laws. Amy, Scott and Sharla shared information from their experience holding these positions. Sharla said that if she can be re-appointed to the board, she would be interested in serving as the chair.

Sharla was unanimously elected chair, pending reappointment.

Pam agreed to be "named" vice chair, but all members will take turns taking the minutes. Pam was elected unanimously with the caveat that everyone take turns with the minutes.

Dates of 2022 Meetings

The next meeting will be March 9th. Meeting dates for the remainder of the year will be decided after talking with Holly to determine the best dates based on the annual library budget submission to the city.

Library Manager 2022 Updates

- Hawks Prairie Lucky Day Library
 - 8205 Martin Way Suite B (old Liquor Store by ATT at Marvin & Martin, Grocery Outlet shopping center)
 - Soft open 2/1/22, Grand Opening 2/8/22 11 a.m.
 - All Friends invited to Grand opening! – hoping to have Mayor do a ribbon cutting and say a few words, meeting with deputy City Manager Thursday to discuss.
 - Open Tuesday – Thursday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fri & Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., closed Sundays & Mondays.
 - No refreshments (Covid guidelines) but will have giveaways for attendees
 - HA (Hawks Prairie) will not accept book donations (no storage space other than Friends sale cart), but Friends will visit HA once per week to refresh sale stock on their cart.
- Lacey Library
 - Jaime Gan retiring, hoping to hire 2 new Library assistants and Adult Services Librarian 2 in January/February.
 - Kerry Martin is new Youth Services Librarian 2 (supervisor) – say hi when you get a chance and welcome her back! She worked as a specialist in Adult Services/Reference here at LA until 2018.
 - Covid cases are VERY HIGH in community right now. No in-person programming planned until late April/May at the earliest, possibly until summer.
 - Staff are expected to stay home when sick, which may lead to days when Lacey is short-staffed, especially to keep Hawks Prairie open. Expect some days (either ½ days or full days) of unexpected Takeout only services when this occurs
 - Admin/Library Managers are considering whether to move to regularly schedule Takeout days (or ½ days) at libraries with high incidents of mask non-compliance by patrons. Staff are exhausted and burnt out dealing with it. Lacey is a high incidence library. More info as we get it.
 - Late opening at Lacey & Hawks Prairie on Feb. 9th so staff can take Covid resiliency training in morning. Lacey & Hawks Prairie will both open at 12 p.m. that day.
 - Holly is going on vacation January 17th through 28th (much needed) before HA opens. If Board members need anything, check in with staff.

Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Nelson