

MIAMI PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING
Minutes of Monday, February 14, 2022

Meeting called to order at 12:05 pm by Ray VandeGiessen.

Members present: Sloane Arana, Kit Waters Ulrey, Aaron Mathews, Becky Baird, and Ray Van deGiessen; along with Marcia Johnson and Callie Cortner.

Minutes: Aaron Mathews moved to approve the meeting minutes, Sloane Arana seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

Circulation Report January 2022:

No comments

Director's Report:

This is time for our 4 year policy review.

Circulation report: Updated to change E-reader to hotspots and the reason it is only 2 for video and dvd checkout is because is a smaller selection. The line striking that a patron must be 17 years of age to checkout an R-rated video is because that is later addressed in the policy that if parents wish to restrict the library material they must accompany the child.

Computer Use and Internet Safety;

Library Operating policies: Take out "and/or Sundays" and "Easter Sunday" on Library hours since it is no longer open on Sundays.

Collection Management: Procedure for material that a request for reconsideration has been made. The role of a library is to not promote any one view, but all views; therefore, must have materials for all ages. Marcia Johnson, Judy Beauchamp, and Sonja Smith are the ones who make the decision on purchasing materials. They look at review journals, best seller lists and award lists.

If someone has a concern over controversial material the first person to address the concern is Marcia, Judy or Sonja. They listen to the concerns and then respond accordingly. If after that the patron is not satisfied they are given request for reconsideration form and Marcia reviews it. Meanwhile, the book still stays in usage at the library. If the patron is still dissatisfied they can come to the board. The final step is the city council.

Next month we will vote on the policy changes, after giving the board a chance to review them.

Assistant Director's Report:

Health Literacy: Our attendance has dropped due to the spike in COVID and we have had members as if they can check out equipment. So we will pilot aerobic equipment and dvds to be checked out, along

with cd player, headphones, and audio plug to see if this is something that teens would be interested in. We have created a Non-Traditional Items policy, similar to the hotspots.

Becky: We should have members sign a liability waiver with the checkouts and include the replacement costs.

We are also going to drop to exercise night a week for a few weeks because of Let's Talk About It and the holidays, then we will meet back up to twice a week.

The Mallory Rock Mystery Night had only half the attendance as last time, possibly because we had rescheduled due to the COVID spike. We did scan and put the paperwork on Facebook along with the future dates so people can RSVP and put it in their calendars. The attendees seemed to like Tuesday night. We solved the time of death.

Friends of the Library

There has been no meeting because of COVID. We do need help getting books sorted and taken to recycling. The library staff has dropped a few boxes off every time they take items to be recycled. Kit and Ray will load up her truck with 16 boxes to take to Red Cedar after the meeting adjourns.

Meeting adjourned at 12:59 pm. Next meeting scheduled Monday, March 14, 2022 noon at the library.

Minutes by: Kit Waters

Becky Brown
Kristina & Waters Wiley
Anne Mathis
Raymond VanderGusser