

MIAMI PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING
Minutes of Monday, August 8, 2022

Meeting called to order at 12:08 pm by Ray VandeGiessen.

Members present: Kit Waters Ulrey, Ray VandeGiessen, Aaron Mathews, Becky Baird, and Sloane Arana; along with Callie Cortner and Caitlyn Baker.

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

Statistics for June & July 2022:

Last two years we budgeted \$5,000 revenue. This year we brought in \$7,517.63 through the services provided of Fines, cards, Interlibrary Loan, Fax, Copier, Internet, Genealogy, and Notary.

Director's Report:

Statistics look good for the two summer months, but Callie will add Last Year's month to compare to the current month.

Let's Talk About It series starts for Fall 2022 the series will focus on "Many Trails, Many Tribes: Images of American Indians in Fiction." The book for August was Last of The Mohicans. In September it will be "Okla Hannali." Livestream will be available by request on Facebook.

Outdoor Area is waiting on quotes. The city employees are helping to look for grants.

Promotions/New Hires, New Offices:

Marcia Johnson and Judy Beauchamp retired. Sonja accepted the position of children's librarian. Caitlyn Baker is in Callie's former position of Assistant Director, and an offer is being extended to children's library assistant.

There was a complaint about library employees wearing tattoos and the dress code. The person was not satisfied and took the complaint to the Mayor, HR and Bo Reese. The employees are within compliance with the dress code and have the support of the city.

HB3072 The Oklahoma Department of Libraries sent out the new legislation that requires digital or online library database resources for young people grades K-12 to have safety policies and technology protection measures. The City Lawyer after receiving it said the library is doing everything it can and the City IT said the same thing.

Assistant Director's Report:

Friends of Library Report:

Caitlyn Baker is learning the ropes. One of the things that stood out about her in the interview is that she created a pitch about if the library was able to acquire space next door and expand. What was timely was that the City Manager wants Callie to put together a cost comparative list of fixing the elevator or annexing. The elevator is in need of repair, but the parts are hard to come by. Sloane suggested checking into external elevators saying it may be less expensive. Still would need to rip out bushes to put in the ramp. The elevator would not come out of the current budget or Friends' donation because it is considered a Capital Improvement.

Friends of the Library

The book sale was moved inside because of the heat and rain. Made \$276 Saturday and left the tables up to sell books for a few days after which brought in \$170. The total was \$446.60. They got all the children paperback and fiction off the shelves downstairs. There are still some books that have never actually made it upstairs.

The City Manager wants to do a push to get people in Friends of the Library for National Library week in October.

The Friends have tried to move their meeting from the 3rd Monday to the 1st Monday, but had issues with holidays. So they change it to the 2nd Monday.

Meeting adjourned at 1:06 pm. Next meeting scheduled Monday, September 12, 2022 noon at the library.

Minutes by: Kit Waters

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