

Library Board Meeting - July 2, 2019

Members Present: Library Director Christina Becker; Board Members Jen Baker-Porazinski, Sue Mitchell, Sue Sawyer, Bob Odess, Mary Laedlein and Monica Ravreby

SM made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes. ML seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

BO reviewed the Treasurer's report.

May report reflects \$2904 LARAC money to disburse for summer farmer's market, Home Grown Music and Maker's tent.

BO noted that recently legislators restored additional money for library building construction aid.

Old Business:

CB updated the board briefly on the second half of the feasibility study and will submit cost to the board once available. SS made a motion to amend the previous motion to increase the previous cost estimate up to \$4700. BO seconded. All were in favor.

New Business:

Melissa Skellie offered to volunteer to take care of the library gardens as part of hours needed for her Master Gardening course. The board graciously accepted her offer.

BO noted that we have eight new computers.

Library Director Report:

The Friends raised almost \$700 toward the Better Reading Partners.

Liz Tracy was thrilled to have won the George Van Hook painting recently.

Mike Russert had 18 people for his recent talk at the library.

The Nutrition Program luncheon had 17 people. July 22 they will hold an Ice Cream Social at the library.

The kindergartners came and the library issued another 40 library cards.

The summer reading program at the school reached out and asked to bring the kids in their program to the library.

The Summer Reading Challenge kick-off was this Sunday and over 40 kids and adults signed up. CB handed out Bingo sheets, one line filled earns prizes including Subway coupons, Misci passes, and \$10 gift certificates for completing the challenge.

July 26-27 will kick-off the Summer Programs. On the 26th the movie Apollo 11 will be presented at the Youth Center with a brief talk by Salem Astronomy Club at 7 PM. Raffle Prizes include a 1 year membership to the Salem Astronomy Club and also has 3 other prizes including an Orion Refractor, Atlas of the Moon, and Sky and Telescope field map. July 27th Darth Vader will visit and have duels with kids, Princess Leia buns by a stylist, a 3-D printer to print prizes for rocket launch . Some of Cambridge Robotics team alumni may come to do live robotic demonstrations. Star Wars Clone Wars will be presented at the youth center that evening. Deb Blanchfield has kindly agreed to let us borrow a popcorn machine for the movie nights.

Christina is discussing an additional family movie night at the Youth Center with Carman.

“Thursday Night Live” with Whitman’s Feed program will have their next animal presentation on the last Thursday this month from 4-5:00.

During 6 Tuesday mornings this summer the library will hold a Science in a Jar program at 10 AM and on Thursdays Betsy will lead a Playground StoryTime.

Policy Review:

No policies reviewed today due to time constraints.

The next meeting of the Library Board will be Tuesday September 10 at 4:45.