

Tolono Public Library Minutes
Tolono Public Library Meeting Room
April 5, 2023

Board members present: Meghan Peach, Mary Thweatt, Mary Kuetemeyer, Amy Jahnel, Nola Compton and Maggie Kelly

Others present: Janet Cler, Director, Grace Compton, and Abigail Jahnel

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:29.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. President's Report

Meghan thanked the board members for forming the new committees that will benefit the library. She also mentioned changing the adult and youth services librarian position to more of program coordinator position to attract a wider range of applicants.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Approve minutes of the March 7, 2023 board meeting

b. Treasurer's Report

i. Review statements and reports

ii. Action Item: approval of checks for March

Mary K motioned and Amy Jahnel seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed.

5. Other Agenda Items

There were no other agenda items.

6. Committee Reports

a. Building Committee-Maggie Kelly-Maggie discussed the video cameras going up at the library.

b. Finance/Budget Committee-Meghan Peach-the committee did not meet

c. Benefits/Personnel Committee-Nola and Mary T-the committee discussed a new bill providing paid leave to library employees, discussing whether providing health insurance is affordable for the library or what other benefits the library could offer employees.

d. Strategic Planning Committee-Amy, Maggie, and Meghan-the committee is thinking of a three year plan and different phases for the library. They want to invite the community's thoughts and also how to grow and change post pandemic.

7. Library Director's Report

Janet mentioned that she will be gone next week at Director's University.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Action Item: Video Surveillance Policy

Mary T motioned and Maggie seconded the motion to approve the video policy. Motion passed.

b. Action Item: Purchase of video cameras

Maggie motioned and Mary K seconded the motion to approve the purchase of the video cameras and submit the application for TIF reimbursement and barring TIF approval the library purchase the cameras with their own funds. Motion passed.

c. Local History Room

The board had no concerns about reaching out to the local history museum to see if they would like the library's historical documents.

d. Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency report

The library needs two individuals to serve on this. They are looking for someone engaged in the library and in our district.

9. New Business

a. Action Item: The Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) Conference 2023

Maggie motioned and Mary K seconded the motion to approve providing Rachel the funds to attend the ARSL conference. Motion passed.

b. Action Item: Open staff position

Maggie motioned and Amy seconded the motion to approve the position of Community Engagement Coordinator to replace the Adult and Youth Services Librarian position. Motion passed.

c. Action Item: Open board seat-Jeremy Mitchell

Mary K motioned and Maggie seconded the motion the motion to approve Jeremy Mitchell to the vacant trustee seat. Motion passed.

10. Board of Trustees Executive Closed Meeting

There was no closed meeting.

11. Trustee Continuing Education-Library trends: Do we want to be better or different?

It was discussed how to meet our patrons where they are. Libraries have changed with COVID. Automation and Technology are rapidly becoming more and more important to libraries.

12. Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Submitted by Nola Compton