

Library Board Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2017

Present: Richard Ball, City Council Liaison; Janice Benedict, Sandy Darby; Eric Harting, Treva Heiser; Susan Kadlec; Kathy Keeler, President Friends of the Library; Diane Lapierre, Library Director, Liz Lucke; Therese Torpy, Recording Secretary; ShawnaLee Washam, Sarah Wheeler.

1.0 Introductions with New Library Director, Diane Lapierre - We went around the room and made introductions and briefly described how long each member has been on the board and what their background is.

2.0 Roll Call / Minutes - The meeting was called to order at 4:58 p.m. by Sandy Darby. Liz Lucke motioned to approve the May 25th minutes after requesting the addition of a notation documenting the May 18th meeting was rescheduled to May 25th due a snow storm that closed the library early on May 18th. Treva Heiser seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approval.

3.0 Comments/Questions by Visitors: none

4.0 Correspondence: No correspondence.

Library Director's Report: No Director's Report

5.0 New Business:

5.1 Community Aspirations Exercise –Diane Lapierre led us in a Community Aspirations Exercise where we each took a moment to focus on aspirations for our community, the challenges we face and identify steps we want to take in creating change. We each made a list and then shared our thoughts with the group. The bullet points below summarize the items shared.

ASPIRATIONS:

- Library is a treasure, programs, adapt to technology
- Inclusive – have a voice in decisions, listen to other voices
- Address needs of seniors. Expand to meet needs of seniors.
- Affordable housing. No one should have to sleep outside.
- Sustainability – ecological, energy reliant – more so.
- Awareness of services and how the library is evolving.
- Commitment to city infrastructure, schools, parks, etc.
- Access to needed resources to lead authentic lives.
- Ease, easy, welcoming – hubs of service
- Whole city visioning – library, rec center, museum. Next chapter
- Combine centers – youth, senior, rec, garden, award winning architecture, more awards.
- Avenues for non-political issues, local – talk together
- Plants & animals of front range have a place, butterflies
- Access to services – library & recreational

CHALLENGES:

- Low tax base, history of not supporting schools, educators moving.
- Resistance to supporting/raising taxes for education. Willingness to finance the public good.
- Diverse population – political/background – no common understanding of “public good” (police, fire, streets, water, etc.)

- Need to bridge diverse population – not much dialog.
- Metro districts don't vote for bonds.
- Smart development.
- Downtown vs. new development. Location of services – where?
- Transportation vision is accessible to all residents.
- Open communication – especially aging population. Social isolation.

NEW CONDITIONS:

- Depth of knowledge/disclosures related to metro districts, schools...
- Informed voters. Neighborhood meetings, smaller settings.
- Age and racial diversity & socio/economics – build diverse voices in conversations
- Participation by all members of community – block parties. Get to know each other. Community buy-in.
- Museum, roads, rec, library – common buy-in – community perspective.
- ACTIVATE retirees – aging population has capacity.

We agreed to further discuss our lists at a future meeting. In addition, Diane Lapierre asked board members to think about how they envision the board, its role and what connections they have with other people who have the information, passion and connections to help move the library forward in a positive direction. We can build a larger network of people who are strong advocates for the library to help meet our goals and serve our community. If there are people you would like Diane to meet, please send her an email with contact information.

6.0 Reports:

6.1 Staff Report – The board agreed that the current format of our staff reports is enjoyable to read but lengthy. We will try a new format with a few bullet points from each division to highlight accomplishments. Everyone agreed that having staff members attend a board meeting for “face time” where questions can be posed and answered in the same meeting would be an ideal method of communicating. Board members will send topics they would like reports on to Diane Lapierre.

6.2 Statistical Report – We plan to look at trends over time with our statistics and determine what effects joining the Flatirons Library Consortium has on our numbers.

6.3 Friends of the Library – The deadline for ordering bricks for the patio is July 15, 2017 for installation this fall. Please encourage your friends and relatives to order bricks. More discussion on strategic fundraising will take place after the 7/15/17 brick sales fundraising campaign concludes.

6.4 Art Selection Committee – The committee met on June 2nd and discussed processes and roles along with some brainstorming on improving the payment process for any art sales that result from our displays. There will be a \$100 prize awarded this year to the artist whose piece is voted best of show.

6.5 Loveland Loves to Read – Rack cards for the author event with Anne Hillerman are now ready. The committee has checked out the venue for the author lunch on Sept. 19th and are currently working to ensure the sound system is in working order. The committee is recommending everyone who plans to attend the lunch use the free shuttle from the East 1st Street parking lot south of the Senior Center. Tickets for the lunch are \$35. Tickets for the author program at the Rialto on Sept. 18th are available for purchase for \$5 at the Rialto beginning August 1st. The committee is still searching for an author for the 2018 program.

Not on the agenda: We discussed our meeting schedule for July and August. Treva Heiser motioned to cancel the July meeting. Janice Benedict seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The next library board meeting is 5:00pm on **Thursday, August 17, 2017**.

7.0 Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Torpy

/S/ Sandy Darby, Chair