

City of Norman Library Advisory Board

Meeting Date: Monday, June 21st, 2021

Meeting Location: Norman Public Library East, 3051 East Alameda St. Norman OK 73071

Meeting was called to order at 4:50pm

Roll Call

Members attending in person: Sue Ringus (Chair), Jayme Shelton (Vice-Chair), Jason Bingham, Sarah Moran (Secretary), Tim Mauldin, Megan Straughan, and Jody Foote

Members absent: Bianca Gordon and Debra Engels

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Lisa Wells, Executive Director

Caroline Dulworth, Director/Branch Manager of Norman Central

Kelsey Williamson, Branch Manager of Norman East

Taryn Kingery, Librarian at Norman East

Vote to approve/disapprove/take other action on minutes from previous meeting

Member Mauldin moved to approve the previous minutes, Foote seconded motion to approve. Voted by a show of hands, Vote passed to approve the minutes, number of votes: 7 YES, 0 NO

Board Member Introduction Exercise

Librarian, Taryn, led the board members in an engaging ice breaker 'My N.A.M.E.'

Branch Updates

Norman East

- PLS Foundation has been providing education about the butterfly garden and native planting and distributing seeds
- Oklahoma Dept. Libraries providing support for 'Bike for Health'; this initiative includes installing repair stations at branches and providing promotional literature about cycling
- Branch has resumed in-person services
- Summer Learning Challenge underway
 - Sign up via the PLS Connect app or website
 - Combined goal is 6 million points to earn the reward of passing out free books in the community
- Resource Highlight: Career Online High School program

- free program that provides a H.S. diploma through online education
- Designed to be completed in 18 months
- Program is nationally recognized and accredited
- Provides an online classroom experience, PLS staff provides support
- Strategic Plan has been published to address the following:
 - Focuses on inclusive customer experience across all PLS libraries
 - Internal and external sustainability
 - Explores how to pinpoint effective resources and use of revenue and other sources of funding
- Continued focus on health programming such as sunrise yoga

Central Branch

- Excited to restart some in-person programming within the Central Branch such as story time and use of the Maker Lab
- Still focusing on outdoor activities as pandemic and summer continues
- Norman Arts Council funds grant to create a signage art installation to feature the flora and fauna found in the native planting beds at library and in Norman
- PLS Staff have been working on Summer Podcasts such as Folktales with Friends and Five Minute Film Finder
- Outreach activities have resumed including
 - Maker space projects at local daycares
 - Maker Mobile has partnered with site visits of the Learning Bus
 - PLS Mobile Kitchen 'A la Carte' visiting Farmers' Markets

West Branch

- Also excited about resuming in-person activities and public programs
- Summer focus is on providing Jazz in June activities

Old Business

None

New Business and Board Comments

Member Shelton inquired about revision about Meeting Room Policies

Discussion about continued building improvements such as issues with the doors at central, confirmed that the issues have been reported and the final 'construction punch list' is still being completed

Discussion about advocating for bus route improvements and progress so far. Suggestions included increased covered stops, increased route coverage, and discussion to write a board position statement on current considerations to improvements of the current transit plan.

Comments from the Public

None

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 20th 2021, at Norman Central located at 103 West Acres St Norman Oklahoma 73069

Adjournment

Member Foote moved to adjourn the meeting; motion was seconded by Member Straughan; vote to adjourn was unanimous.