

City of Bellevue Library Advisory Board

Monthly Meeting Minutes May 16, 2023

OPENING

The regular monthly meeting of the Library Advisory Board (the "Board") was called to order at 5:01 PM on May 16, 2023 by Jim Rusk, Board President. The meeting was held in person at the Bellevue Library with an option for hybrid attendance via Zoom.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Chad Davis, Gunjan Murarka, Sarah Rock (remote), and Jim Rusk.

Board Members Absent: Kim Anderson, Sam Fetchero, Kat Pipkin

KCLS Representatives: Kirsten Corning

Friends of the Bellevue Library: none

Newport Way Library Association: none

Guests: Councilmember Lee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes for March 2023 and April 2023 were approved as written.

APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Agenda Item #1: Chad Davis appreciation

Councilmember Lee shared his appreciation for Chad Davis' service on the Bellevue Library Advisory Board. He shared that recruitment is underway to fill Chad's position. Councilmember Lee presented Chad with a certificate of appreciation and a City of Bellevue pin.

Agenda Item #2: Outreach discussion

Councilmember Lee and President Rusk talked about support for the advisory board and for sharing information.

Agenda Item #3: Officer elections

Per Bellevue Library Advisory Board Bylaws, nominations for officers shall be offered at the April meeting and elections shall occur during the May meeting. Officers serve for one year starting June 1 and ending May 31 of the following year.

At the April 2023 meeting, the following nominations were made:

- Jim Rusk was nominated for the office of President.

- Gunjan Muraka was nominated for the office of Vice President.
- Sarah Rock was nominated for the office of Secretary.

Sarah Rock made a motion to approve the slate of officers as presented. This was seconded by Chad Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Report #1 – Bellevue Friends of Library

There was no update this month.

Report #2 – Newport Way Library Association report

There was no update this month.

Report #3 – Bellevue Library staff reports

Kirsten Corning shared that the new regional manager for the Lakeview (Bellevue) region has been hired. His name is David Frappier and he starts in June. All librarian positions have been filled however there are many support positions still open.

She shared a flyer for the Summer Reading program and gave an update. The program is for all ages and is very flexible. Goals are set by each participant. It starts June 1 but the programming push will be in late June due to the Bellevue School District (BSD) calendar. There will be prizes. Reading logs can be completed on paper or online. Learn more at www.kcls.org/summer

Kirsten gave an update on children and youth library services. Storytime is currently on hiatus because children's librarians are preparing for school visits starting next week. Every student in BSD receives a student library card unless their parent opts out. Student cards are for electronic resources but not for physical materials. Any student can come into the library to receive a full library card.

Kirsten shared upcoming program updates:

- There will be a special "End of Summer" event on August 16 from noon to 2PM on the roof of the parking garage.
- Makerspace will be presenting at the KCLS Board meeting at the end of May. The meeting will be hybrid and the agenda will be posted on the trustee website one week prior.
- Small Business classes and workshops have not been generating as much interest in the past.

King County Library System has eliminated library fines across the entire system. However, if a book is lost, the borrower is still responsible for a replacement fee. Book fines were suspended during the pandemic and then fine balances were wiped out. Staff did an analysis of fines after they were restarted following the pandemic. Chad suggested asking the team that did the analysis regarding the fines to come and present to the BLAB.

NEW BUSINESS

We will review the BLAB Bylaws at a future meeting.

The board discussed speakers for the June meeting. Our priority would be to meet the new region manager and then secondarily to learn more about the summer reading program. Chad suggested asking the KCLS Foundation to present at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM.

UPCOMING: The next meeting will be held on June 20, 2023. (Newport Way is not available but Kirsten will check to see if Lake Hills is available.) The meeting agenda will be distributed, and the meeting location will be confirmed by President Rusk, before the next meeting.

Minutes Submitted: By Sarah Rock

APPROVED at the June 20, 2023 Bellevue Library Advisory Board Meeting.