

Stanford Free Library Board of

Trustees

MINUTES-

December 12, 2023

Present: Jim Bail, Mark Williams, Claudia DeBellis, Pam Deitrich, Laura Gilhooly, Bobbie Menendez, Kari Lorenson

Absent: John Shanley, Barry Weinberger, Natalie Bliss, Barbara Mauer

In Attendance: Christa Cerul

Minutes : Motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2023 Trustee's meeting. Minutes Approved.

Treasurer & Financial Report

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- A. Financial Report for November 1-30, 2023 approved.
 - B. The 2024 Library Budget was approved.

Correspondence:

Thank you notes are continuing to be sent.

Librarian Report:

- A. Christa reviewed Library Use Statistics for November.
- B. Correction noted to reflect that the library will be closed on Monday, December 25th.
- C. As of December 15th, all Trustees will have completed their required annual training.
- D. Christa is creating a VolunTeens group similar to the Library Booster group to engage teens in the library on an ongoing basis.
- E. The latest report fro the MHLS OverDrive Ad Hoc Commitee shows that we are on track and purchasing at levels that are inline with our usage.

Old Business:

None

Committee Reports:

A. Building Maintenance

- up-to-date

B. Fund Raising and Publicity

Annual Appeal, delayed by printers finally went out on Friday, the 8th. The email appeal was sent to 1,679 recipients on Giving Tuesday and posted to Facebook the same day.

C. Grants - no report

D. Legislative - no report

E. Christa presented Melinda Heady for nomination as a Trustee.

Unanimous approval by vote.

F. Personnel - no report

G. Programs

1. Adult - Christa reviewed the many Adult programs being offered.

2. Children -Christa reported on attendance and planned changing of scheduling for the variety of programs. Jambo the Therapy Dog is not longer limited to a "reading to Jambo" but is now offered for all ages.

3. Teen - no attendance for our Teen Movie Night.

Good signup for the baby sitting course and hoping to see signup and attendance for the "Teens making, buttons, jewelry, keychains" session.

H. Scholarship

The high school Guidance counselor has sent a copy of our application. Christa and Laura will review to see if any changes may be needed.

I. Technology

no report

New Business

1. There was discussion of the Community Room being used for childcare during the building of the new SPARC Park. Board would like further information

2. Claudia asked about the possibility of creating a Friends Group. Our current Booster list is similar and simpler. The Friends would require more formal registration as a 501C organization, etc.

3. Claudia has suggested that a LED light be put in the attic window.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 2024

