

Stanford Free Library Trustee's Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2023

Present: Natalie Bliss, Barb Mauer, Bobbie Menendez, Kari Lorensen, Claudia DeBellis, Laura Gilhooly, Jim Bail, Pamela Deitrich

Absent: John Shanley, Barry Weinberger, Mark Williams

In Attendance: Christa Cerul

Minutes: Motion made to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2023 Trustee's meeting. Vote taken. Approved.

Treasurer & Financial Report:

- A. Financial report from May 1-31, 2023 was approved.

Correspondence:

- A. Laura and Claudia have both written thank you notes for donations received.

Librarian Report:

- A. Christa reviewed Library Use Statistics for May. New spreadsheet shows 5 years of data.
- B. Christa attended the June Director's Assoc. Meeting on June 13, 2023.
- C. She also attended a New Director's Forum on June 13th ("Statistical Reports for You and Your Board")

Old Business:

- A. no new business

Committee Reports:

A. Building Maintenance

no new business

B. Fundraising and Publicity-

1. There was an article about our library in the Millerton News that was done as a part of a special supplement about local libraries.

2. The June eNewsletter was sent to 1,532 people and had a 38.6% open rate, which is about average for us and a bit above average for our peers (according to MailChimp).

C. Grants-

1. Construction Grant- Laura reported that we are still waiting for a response to amend the application.
2. We received \$10,000 from the H.W. Wilson Foundation.

D. Legislative-

1. There is a bill to only require 25 signatures for the 414 that is waiting on the governor's signature.

E. Nominating- no new business

F. Personnel- no new business

G. Programs

1. **Adult-** Christa reviewed the many Adult programs being offered.
 - a. ESL class is well attended, and a second session has been added on Wednesdays from 11am -1pm.
 - b. Game Time for Growups is new and will be held on the second Wed. of each month for adults to drop in and play games.
2. **Children's-** Christa reviewed Children's programs.

H. Scholarship- The \$250 scholarship was awarded to a student who has been a volunteer at the library. Laura will present the award at the ceremony on June 15th.

I. Technology- no new business

New Business:

1. Claudia will attend the second planning meeting for the Stanford Community Day at the Stanford Grange Hall on Thursday, June 22 at 7pm.
2. A donor will be gifting the library \$1000 per month for us to use as needed.

Next Meeting- Tuesday, July 11, 2023 @ 7 pm

Adjourn- Motion made to adjourn @ 7:35 pm. Vote taken- approved