

Berkley Public Library Board Minutes
October 18, 2023

Present: Matt Church, Library Director; Amanda Rohda, Carol Hermann, Jordan Paterra, and Margaret McGee, Board Members. The City Liaison, Mike Dooley, was not present.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

II. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. Approval of Minutes from September 27, 2023.

The Board approved the minutes as printed from September 27, 2023.

IV. Librarian's report

The Library Director presented updates on Library Staff, programs and services, and finances. The Library Director reviewed his participation in the Financial Management for Libraries certificate program with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia. The Library Director is participating with no cost to the Library or City, but through an opportunity with the Library of Michigan. There will be Michigan-focused sessions. Staff Member Suzy Kinnen attended a Public Librarianship in Contentious Times seminar on September 10, 2023. The opportunity was again provided at no cost to the Library. The gas leak that was identified in September 2023 was repaired. The leak was repaired expeditiously and at no cost to the Library. The library's firewall was replaced on September 22, 2023. An all-city staff in service was held on September 22, 2023; the Library was therefore closed on that day. The Friends of the Library will meet on Monday October 23, 2023, at 7 p.m. The Friends will hold a book sale on Friday November 3, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday November 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

V. Old Business

Circulation statistics: the Library Director reviewed the statistics and noted that circulation was up and good. Vinyl circulation had a good month. And a nice month in the museum pass program after the Summer 2023 retooling.

The Library Board received favorable feedback on the establishing ordinance and bylaws from the City Attorney. The City may take up the ordinance at the November meeting.

VI. New business

The parties discussed whether a December meeting will be held.

VII. Update from City Council Liaison

The City Council Liaison, Mike Dooley, was not present.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Next meeting, Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 7 p.m.