Present: Matt Church, Library Director; Rita Van Brandeghen, Chairperson; Carol Hermann, and Amanda Rohda, Board Members; Eileen Steadman, City Council Liaison.

Meeting Convened 7:02 p.m.

Minutes from January 16th meeting were approved as printed.

Librarian’s Report:
The Library Director presented his reports on staff, building and grounds, programming, finances, technology, and the Friends of the Berkley Public Library fundraising.
Highlights of the report include:
  • A new part-time youth librarian position was hired, Cathy Moras.
  • The library’s state aid report was submitted to the Library of Michigan.
  • The library budget is being developed for FY 2019-20 and 2020-21.
  • The Library’s partnership with Vitrine to display art at the library is going well.
  • The Giving Tree raised close to $2,000 which purchased over 85 new items for the library’s collection.
  • The Friends’ held their annual February bake sale and raised almost $400.
  • 42 people attended a robot building program
  • 60 teens attended 3 open study sessions
  • 93 people attended 8 story times

Old Business:
Circulation: Circulation was up for the month of January. There seemed to be influx of checkouts before each storm.

Library Fee Schedule: Board unanimously approved recommended changes to the Library Fee Schedule.
- Increase Children’s books fine to 20 cents per day
- Decrease maximum fees for Adult/teen books, DVDs and videos, nonprint materials to $5
- Eliminate rental fee for non-new or BluRays movies
- Eliminate usage fees for public computer access
- Create 75 cents per page fees for color copying and printing

New Business:
Library Board Vacancy – Julie Goldsworthy resigned from the board. Applications for the position will be due by 3/20, and discussed at the next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting – March 20, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted, Amanda Rohda