

January 18, 2023, Berkley Public Library Board Meeting

Present: Matt Church, Library Director; Carol Hermann, Amanda Rohda, Margaret McGee, Jordan Pattera, Board Members.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Public Comments

There we no public comments.

III. Approval of Minutes from November 16 Meeting

The Board approved the minutes as printed.

IV. Librarian's Report

The Library Director presented the reports for November and December 2022. The Library Director presented reports on Library Staff, building and grounds, programming, finances, technology, and the Friends of the Berkley Public Library. Highlights of the reports included:

- Berkley Schools are preparing for the Battle of the Books and Burtonbery events. The Library purchased multiple copies of the selected books to support the programs.
- The Library was a drop off point for Oakland County Sheriff's Coats for the Cold Drive.
- Two art pieces were donated by residents.
- Youth Librarian Rebecca Stout reorganized the youth room in an effort to allow the public to easier navigate the selection.
- The Berkley Friends of the Library are planning to hold a book donative drive on Saturday January 21, 2023. The Friends' next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2023.
- The Library Director reviewed issued the Library was having with the telephone lines and stated that the Library was working on backup plans.
- The Library Director reviewed program statistic.
- The Library Director reviewed December 2022 events with the City and Library, including a staff event on December 1, 2022, and former City Council Liaison Natalie Price's swearing in ceremony, which was held at the Library on December 11, 2022.
- The Library Director reviewed the recent LGBTQ book club event. Library Board Member Margaret McGee attended.

V. Old Business

The Library Director presented the circulation statistics and reviewed computer usage, and the success of the vinyl record player and vinyl records collection.

The Library Board discussed the Library Board's establishing ordinance and comments from the City Attorney.

VI. New Business

The Library Board began discussions of Rules and Procedures for the Library Board and Bylaws.

VII. Update from City Council Liaison

No City Council Liaison present.

The Library Director represented that the City Council had several new members and that liaison positions were still yet to be decided.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on February 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.