

Berkley Public Library Board Meeting Minutes 15 February 2023

Present: Matt Church, Library Director; Rita Van Brandeghen, Chairperson; Carol Hermann, Jordan Paterra, and Margaret McGee, Board Members; Mike Dooley, City Council liaison.

1. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Public Comments:

One community member was present with questions regarding impending repairs and improvements to the library. A concern was raised about replacing the HVAC system prior to making other improvements which might create dust and other issues with a new HVAC system. Of specific concern was the need for quiet study rooms as students and others work together. Matt explained that the HVAC system has now become a priority due to ongoing issues. Jordan made suggestions that would remind patrons to refrain from loud communication in the common areas. Matt invited the community member to call him to discuss this further if he felt the need to do so.

3. Approval of Minutes from Jan. 18 meeting:

The Board approved the minutes as printed.

4. Librarian's Report:

- The two electric vehicle charging stations installed at the library are now functioning. Signage that will reserve these spots for electric vehicle use only will be going up soon.
- There has been a rich variety of programming that has been well attended in the past month.
- Exterior damage to the library building was caused by an incident with the paper recycling truck. Repairs have been worked out between the insurance companies.
- The Friends of the Berkley Library will hold a one-day indoor book sale on Saturday, 18 March 2023 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- The Friends will next meet on 27 February at 7:00 p.m.
- Matt thanked everyone who made donations to the library before 2022 year-end.
- The library's annual report was completed and submitted to the Library of Michigan.

5. Old business:

- Circulation statistics in January 2023 were up from December as well as up from January of 2022.
- WIFI hotspots and vinyl records have been popular items in circulation.
- Matt updated the draft language of the library board establishing ordinance to reflect last month's discussion. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
- Matt had provided examples of library bylaws at some other libraries within the TLN system. It was agreed that those bylaws would be reviewed by board members and

suggestions for changes to language in our bylaws would be submitted to Matt by March 3rd for discussion at our next board meeting.

6. New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

7. Update from City Council liaison:

Mike Dooley and Greg Patterson have now filled the two City Council vacancies. Mike Dooley replaces Natalie Price as our City Council liaison. Mike indicated he looked forward to working with the library board as our new Council liaison.

8. Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be held 15 March 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol P Hermann