



## Library Board Minutes January 07, 2025

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Chairperson: Alexandria Bennett. Presiding  
Vice-Chairperson: Lori Pelkey, Present  
Board Members: Danielle Pedersen (Via Phone) and Vacancy  
Staff Members: Library Supervisor Cathy Nelson, City Recorder Lori Ross Librarian Edith Carter  
Meeting Location: Harrisburg Municipal Center Located at 354 Smith St

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** by Chairperson Bennett at the hour of 5:31pm

**CONCERNED CITIZEN(S) IN THE AUDIENCE.** None present

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** No comments or concerns.

- Pedersen **motioned to approve the Library Board Minutes for November 5, 2024 and was seconded by Pelkey. The motioned passed unanimously by a vote of 3-0.** (Yes: Bennett, Pelkey and Pedersen. No: None.)

**THE MATTER OF FILLING A LIBRARY BOARD VACANCY:** Ross informed the Board there are currently two vacancies and only one application was received for this meeting. Ross did receive another application today, which will be presented to the Board at the March meeting. Ross introduced Madison Stepherson.

- Stepherson stated that she has been volunteering for the Baby Story Time program and has a nine month old infant. She is currently in her last year of writing her dissertation at the University of Oregon for her PhD.
- Pelkey asked Stepherson what her favorite childhood memory was of a Library. Stepherson commented on the prizes she received by participating in summer reading programs.
- Pedersen motioned to have Stepherson fill one of the vacancies on the Library Board and was seconded by Pelkey. Discussion was made to have the entire motion read as written. With no vote, the motion died.
- Bennett **motioned to recommend to the City Council that they appoint Madison Stepherson to the Library Board with a term ending June 30, 2028 and was seconded by Pelkey. The motion was approved by a vote of 3-0.** (Yes: Bennett, Pelkey and Pedersen. No: None.)

**THE MATTER OF DISCUSSING LIBRARY PROGRAMS:**

**Craft Club:** The program is going well, although attendance is down at times. Carter thinks it could be related to the weather and patrons not wanting to drive at night.

**Teen Book Club:** Currently on hold due to low attendance.

**Story Time:** The program is going well also. Attendance was low during the holidays but is now back to normal.

**Baby Story Time:** Going well. No other discussion.

**Lego Club:** Attendance is low; however, patron attendance is consistent and productive.

**Grief Support:** Bennett contacted Cheryl Ressler and Chery Spangler about the program. Ressler asked to have the program placed on hold as she was relocating. Spangler would like one month to find a new volunteer. Bennett to follow up in February and will update the Board at the March meeting. Bennett thinks it's a great program for the community.

**Cooking Class:** The Librarians to inquire about interest in starting the program. Age group will be for 13-18 year olds.

**OTHERS:**

- Stepherson asked about the status of Karaoke Club. Nelson commented that it's no longer a program but a service that's available. Carter usually will take it out on Saturdays between 1pm and 2pm if there is interest.
  - There was discussion about whether the Library could create a policy regarding the type of music or video games allowed to be played in the Library. Nelson stated that all purchased video games are E for Everyone so that is not an issue, and staff will monitor the play list on an individual basis. If any patrons complain about the music content, those complaints will be reviewed.
  - Nelson noted that Karaoke only happens on Saturdays, during the allowed time.
- There was discussion of the Library holding a Spring Dance.
- Nelson commented on the low attendance numbers for Story Time during the Holidays this year and last year. Ross suggested for next year having a "grand finale" holiday program then maybe pausing for a few weeks until after the holidays.

The next meeting will be on March 4, 2025 at 5:30pm

**With no further business, the Library Board Meeting adjourned at the hour of 6:01pm.**