



Library Board Meeting Minutes  
July 13, 2023

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Chairperson: Vacant  
Vice-Chairperson: Angela Christensen, Absent  
Board Members Present: Desria Hansen, Lori Pellkley and Alexandria Bennett  
Staff Members Present: Library Supervisor Cathy Nelson, Librarians Amanda Pelkey and Edie Carter  
Meeting Location: Harrisburg Municipal Center Located at 354 Smith St

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.** Due to the absence of Vice-Chairperson Christensen and the Chairperson position being vacant, Hansen called the meeting to order at the hour of 5:33pm

- Hansen **motioned to appoint herself to be the Pro-Tem Vice-Chairperson and was seconded by Bennett. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0**, (Yes: Hansen, Bennett, and L. Pelkey. No: None.)

**CONCERNED CITIZEN(S) IN THE AUDIENCE.** All in attendance were there for items on the agenda.

**THE MATTER OF NOMINATING A CHAIRPERSON AND A VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR THE LIBRARY BOARD.**

**STAFF REPORT:** No discussion

- Hansen **motioned to table the nominations until the next meeting and was seconded by L. Pelkey. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 3-0.** (Yes: Hansen, L. Pelkey and Bennett. No: None.)

**THE MATTER OF FILLING A LIBRARY BOARD VACANCY**

**STAFF REPORT:** Hansen informed the Board we have two applicants, Kristi Prozialeck, and an application from Mary Pelkey. Hansen asked Nelson how many open positions were available, and Nelson replied that we had two. Hansen introduced applicants Kristi Prozialeck and Mary Pelkey.

- Prozialeck reminded the Library Board that she had been a member previously but had to step down for personal reasons. She commented that she loves Harrisburg, and she wants to continue living here and to wants to get back into supporting the community.

- M. Pelkey stated that she has lived in Harrisburg for about five years. She attends the Storytime Program and loves being involved. She has board experience with her church and a history of running child programs as well.
  - Nelson asked if there was an immediate family connection between Librarian Amanda Pelkey and herself.
  - M. Pelkey confirmed there was not.
- No further discussion.
  - Hansen **motioned to recommend to the City Council that they appoint Kristi Prozialeck to the Library Board with a term ending June 30, 2027 and was seconded by Bennett. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 3-0.** (Yes: Hansen, Bennett, and L. Pelkey. No: None.)
  - Hansen **motioned to recommend to the City Council that they appoint Mary Pelkey to the Library Board with a term ending to be determined and was seconded by L. Pelkey. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 3-0.** (Yes: Hansen, L. Pelkey and Bennett. No: None.)

*[The City Recorder notes that the Library Board only had one opening at the time the second motion was made, therefore, the second nomination is rendered invalid at this time.]*

## THE MATTER OF DISCUSSING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

**STAFF REPORT:** The Library Board and Staff reviewed current programs:

- **Adult Book Club:** A. Pelkey stated the program is getting ready to be inactive due to low attendance. A. Pelkey to reach out on social media to see if there is interest and check with Katherine Hansen to verify she still wants to run the program.
- **Crafting Club:** Prozialeck commented that the program is doing great. Joann Smith is teaching the class.
  - Hansen asked about the suggested age stating it's promoted as all ages are welcome, but she has heard comments that it is geared towards adults.
  - Prozialeck commented that it's okay for children to join, but they must be accompanied by an adult.
  - Hansen suggested changing the wording to reflect that.
  - Prozialeck thought we could advertise the program more and that we should have a program for older kids.
- **Family Game Night:**
  - A. Pelkey commented that Family Game Night is dead, and it should be changed to Teen Game Night instead. The Board discussed holding it every other week.
  - Bennett suggested to have one of the game nights be a couple's game night.
  - Nelson confirmed to hold the program the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month.
  - Bennett suggested to be more specific and mention the games that are being provided for the program.
- **Storytime:** A. Pelkey stated that we are currently in the Summer Reading Program and 65 kids attended the Slime Program. Ice Cream Storytime, where they will be making ice cream in a bag, will be held on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Prozialeck volunteered to help with the program.
- **Lego Club:** A. Pelkey stated the program is going well with eight kids attending the last program. D. Hansen says the children love the prizes they receive for attending three programs.
- **Karaoke Club:** Carter stated she would like to start the program this Saturday at 1pm and hold the program weekly.

- **Grief Support:** Nelson reminded the Board this program was approved at the last meeting. At this time, Nelson hasn't been contacted by Cheryl Spangler or Cheryl Ressler to begin the program. Prozialeck offered to volunteer for the program.

**Future Programs:**

- A. Pelkey wants to start Baby Storytime. The program will begin in the first week of September. Hansen commented that Monroe has this program and she really enjoyed it. Hansen will help with the program with the assistance of A. Pelkey. The program will be held on Wednesday's at 11am for 30 minutes. Prozialeck volunteered to help with the program.
- Carter commented that she would like to start another cooking club, maybe this fall if funding allowed.
- Bennett asked about the painting club. A. Pelkey commented that she has supplies for 20 participants and it will be held in place of Craft Club. No date assigned yet.
- A. Pelkey would like to start a Teen Book Club in late September for about 10 teens. A. Pelkey would like to give the participants the book for attending the program. The book will either be a manga or a graphic novel. Nelson suggested having a signup sheet for the program to inform them what it's about.
- It was also suggested to have another dance for teens held this year around Halloween.

**With no further discussion, the Library Board Meeting adjourned at the hour of 6:10pm**