



Library Board Meeting Minutes  
Harrisburg Municipal Center Jury Room – 354 Smith St.  
January 9, 2020

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The Harrisburg Library Board met on this date at the Harrisburg Municipal Center, at the hour of 6:32pm. Presiding was Chairperson Cassandra Barney. Also present were board members Jayne Detering, Violet Stone, and James Blake. Staff present were City Recorder/Asst. City Administrator Michele Eldridge, and Librarian's Amanda Pelkey and Cheryl Spangler. Joining us in the audience was board candidate Anita McClure, and Holly Bea Jones.

**CONCERNED CITIZEN(S) IN THE AUDIENCE.** None were present other than those for agenda items.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to Approve the Minutes of November 14, 2019. Barney **motioned to approve the minutes;** Detering **seconded the motion.** **The Library Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of November 14, 2019.**

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

- Barney noted that there were two candidates, Anita McClure, and Samantha Hansen. Both had been invited to the meeting, but only Anita was present. Spangler thought Samantha might have had to work tonight. Barney had four questions to ask the present candidates. 1. Why do you want to serve; 2. Have you followed any of the Library Programs; 3. What kind is your favorite program; and 4. What kind of programs do you see yourself advocating for.
- Anita McClure said that she loves our Library and uses it almost daily. She loves kids' programs; her daughter was running the LEGO program on Saturdays. She could help teach crocheting and knitting, and is good at donations, as well as securing volunteers. She has been in Harrisburg for 62 years, and really knows the community.
- Spangler commented that Samantha has already offered to volunteer to lead the adult D&D program, and possibly could also do the crocheting and knitting class.
- Barney then **motioned to recommend to the Council that they appoint Anita McClure to the term vacated by Heather Long, ending June 30, 2020.** She was **seconded** by Stone, and the **Library Board voted unanimously to have Anita**

**McClure appointed to the vacant position, dependent upon approval by the City Council.**

**THE MATTER OF REVIEWING LIBRARY PROGRAMS**

- **Dungeons and Dragons:** Spangler talked about the teen D & D Program, and that it was being ran well by Tristan, the volunteer in charge of the program. She hoped that *Adult D & D* would start soon, as she had 4 or 5 people interested in the program. Samantha will oversee that program, which will be held on Thursday nights from 6:00 to 8:00pm.
- **Lego Club:** The Lego Club was on hold, but Mandy will start running that on every other Saturday until Crystal Falk was able to return. While there is a curriculum for Lego Club, Mandy will be holding free lance Lego.
- **New Program Suggestion:** McClure would like to start a support class or system for care givers. She talked about the need for people in the local community who worked with family members who had severe dementia, or people who were seriously ill.
  - Barney said that Anita could be in charge of that program. But she would need to look at and suggest how often they would like to meet, and dates, and times for it. McClure said that it's social support, so talking and sharing resources; and mostly respite from their care job. Barney reiterated that McClure should look at days, and time, and they would also need to find some support books, or workbooks that they could use. She could have other group leaders for this group too. She suggested that McClure look at Friday's after story time, which is roughly noon to 5:30.
- **General New Program Suggestions:** Spangler would like to start an *Ancestry* type of class but didn't know what days or times she would hold it, other than they can use the four computers, and/or bring in their own laptops or pads. She would also like to start a six to eight-week class for *adults on how to use computers*. It would be similar to the grant that Eldridge wrote for the Library.
  - Barney thought it should be a medium priority for the computer class; Spangler needs to find someone willing to take that on.
  - Mandy also would like to start a *physical fitness class* in the future.

**THE MATTER OF RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL THAT THE LIBRARY BOARD WILL ALLOW LIBRARY STAFF TO CONTRACT WITH HOLLY BEA JONES TO PROVIDE A MURAL IN THE LIBRARY FOR \$150.**

**Staff Report:** Eldridge remarked that because the Library Board reviews and recommends terms for contracts and working relationships with public agencies regarding library services, she felt that the Library Board should be making a recommendation to the City Council about approval for this project.

- The Board started discussing the mural and thought it would be a great project. They were worried about that money for the paint, at \$25, wouldn't be adequate. However, McClure said that it was, as she was a painter herself. The next time the Library wants a mural, they should ask her, because she and other artists might be able to do a mural for free. She also suggested that the Library start looking at a program allowing local artists to have their works displayed for free.
- Blake **motioned to recommend to the City Council that the Library Board will allow Library Staff to Contract with Holly Bea Jones to Provide a Mural in the Library for \$150.00 and was seconded** by Barney. **The Library Board then**

**voted unanimously to approve the recommendation to City Council that they allow a contract to be established with Holly Bea Jones.**

**OTHERS:** Eldridge invited the Library Board to attend, or if they felt so inclined, to assist the Harrisburg Library Guild at the Sweetheart Tea, being held on Saturday, February 15, 2020. Jayne will be there, as she is one of the organizers of the event.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at the hour of 7:50pm.