



## LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 6:00 PM  
Library Board Room, 50 West Main, Hyrum, Utah

### MINUTES

Public notice is hereby given of a Hyrum Library Board Meeting to be held in the Library Board Room, 50 West Main, Hyrum, Utah at 6:00 PM, January 10, 2024. The proposed agenda is as follows:

- 1. ROLL CALL:** Teri White, Jared Clawson, Emily Coltrin, Andrea Maughn, Janna Bushman, Amelia Bingham
- 2. CALL TO ORDER:** Janna Bushman 6:05pm
- 3. WELCOME:** Emily Coltrin
- 4. REVIEW MINUTES:** Amelia Bingham Motioned to approve the minutes as written from the September 13, 2023, board meeting. Terri White Seconded, and the vote was unanimously approved.
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
- 6. BUSINESS**

#### A. Directors Report - Emily Coltrin

**1. Statistical report** – From August to December 2023, there have been 31,118 visitors, 1032 computer users, 189 new family cards issued, 252 book requests (29 denied requests) 112 reference questions, 300 interlibrary loan requests, and 390 print jobs. Reference questions included random movie titles, bus schedules, a notary, whether the library was hiring, questions about Libby, dungeons and dragons, and eclipse glasses.

Emily also noted that library programs are well attended and going well, and the library will be adding a story time for weeks that the library is closed on Monday.

#### B. City Council Report - Jared Clawson

Jared reported that there was nothing of note to share with the board.

Emily Shared that the city is doing a wage study on all departments, currently the library is the lowest paid department. Also worth noting all other departments include only Hyrum residents, while the library encompasses Hyrum, Nibley, and Wellsville and self-selected county residents.

#### C. Nomination for Secretary

Terri White was nominated for Secretary, she agreed, and all members of the board approved her.

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**C. Technology Plan**

Tabled until the next meeting at Emily's suggestion.

**D. Patron request for reconsideration**

Patron Vicky Huish has submitted a request for reconsideration for the YA novel Flamer. Emily introduced this topic by clarifying some of the library's existing policies. Currently the library displays every new book as it comes in and is cataloged. The books are ordered through patron requests and the library directors' selection (Emily in this instance.) For this book in particular, Emily selected it based on the book's recognition, and the book's message of acceptance of oneself. All new YA graphic novels are now displayed above the existing YA graphic novels shelved under the television in the teen area (previously the new YA books were displayed above the juvenile nonfiction area).

Emily also noted that the patron specifically mentioned page 130 in the graphic novel where there were no visible body parts or action.

The patron visited Emily about her concerns, filled out the request for reconsideration form, and sent an email to the library board, Emily shared both for written form and email to the board. In the patron's request she specifically said that among other things she objected to the masturbation and pornography in the novel. When asked if she read the book in its entirety, she said she read page 130. She also referred to legislation for schools; however, we are a public library not a school, so what she quoted does not apply to our library.

The options for the board included: removal of the book from the library collection, keeping it where is, or moving it to the adult section of the library. Emily suggested the board consider the overall message of the book while making their decision. After a lengthy discussion of the patrons' concerns and review of the book, Teri White motioned to move the book to the adult section of the library, Jared Clawson seconded, and the board voted unanimously in favor.

Emily will move the book and notify the patron of the board's decision.

- 7. ADJOURNMENT:** Janna Bushman moved to adjourn, seconded by Andrea Maughn, vote is unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm

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Emily Coltrin  
Library Director

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each member of the governing body, and posted at the library, 50 West Main, Hyrum, Utah, this **3rd day of January, 2024**. Emily Coltrin, Library Director.