Boundary County Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 21, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Boundary County Annex Building
6566 Main St. Bonners Ferry, ID
Regular Meeting

Call to Order: 10:00 a.m.

Members present, roll call: Bob Blanford, Aaron Bohachek, Lee Colson, Wendy McClintock, Ken

Blockhan, Jr.

Members absent: None

Public Comments:

Adrienne Norris asked if the Boundary County Library was part of the Idaho Library Association, and if there were plans to join. Director Lynn Silva answered no on both accounts. Mrs. Norris affirmed her distrust of the organization, talking about liberal agendas and connections to the American Library Association and larger culture clash issues.

Approval of Agenda: No changes

Agenda Items:

ACTION Item: Approval of minutes from August 17th 2023

Motion to approve: Ken Blockhan, Jr.

Second: Wendy McCLintock

In Favor: Bob Blanford, Aaron Bohachek, Lee Colson, Wendy McClintock, Ken Blockhan, Jr.

Opposed: None

ACTION Item: Discuss and adopt new county zone map

Discussion: The Boundary County School Board submitted changes to the county zone voting precinct map and approved a new map on April 26, 2023 that both reflected population shifts in the county and lined up with residential areas when survey points did not make sense. The Boundary County Library District has traditionally mirrored the school district since both districts have the same number of trustees and this simplifies elections at the county level.

Motion to adopt Idaho State Board Zone Map for Boundary County from April 26,2023:

Aaron Bohachek Second: Lee Colson

In Favor: Bob Blanford, Aaron Bohachek, Lee Colson, Wendy McClintock, Ken Blockhan, Jr.

Opposed: None

Discuss security options and training possibilities

Discussion centered around paying for an outside contractor to supply a panic button that would autonomously call the sheriff's department. Aaron made the point that an employee directly calling the emergency line would better prepare first responders to a situation.

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Others agreed, though no decisions were made. The importance of training for employees, especially new hires was discussed, with the possibility of monthly recurring training. Active shooter drills and digital literacy were two topics of interest. Ken stressed the importance of a documented safety plan. Lynn said there was a documented fire escape plan. Wendy was in favor of monthly employee training sessions.

Director's Report:

- Program and use statistics were presented. Lynn discussed the addition of the new genre added
 to incorporate titles upstairs that may be better suited for 18+ readers. The genre is called
 Recent Adult Plus, so that older readers don't feel that the books are only for a younger adult
 audience.
 - Lynn said that new Young Adult books get checked first to see if they have topics that might be more appropriate upstairs.
- Wendy asked about Fab Lab use. Lynn said that interested people were beginning to get scheduled and that staff was reaching out to people on the list from before the shutdown.
 People are excited for the opportunity, she said.
- Lee asked about staffing levels. Lynn said she is satisfied for now, building a cohesive team and teaching new staff members the job and the systems.

Review of August Financials: No concerns were raised

ACTION Item: Adjournment of meeting

Motion to adjourn at 10:49 a.m.: Ken Blockhan, Jr.

Second: Lee Colson

In Favor: Bob Blanford, Aaron Bohachek, Lee Colson, Wendy McClintock, Ken Blockhan, Jr.

Opposed: None

Approved

10-26-2023