

Minutes of the Lodi Whittier Library Board of Trustees Annual Meeting January 25, 2022

The Lodi Library Board of Trustees 2021 annual meeting was held on January 25, 2022 via the Zoom web conferencing platform.

Members in attendance: Beth Bevars, Library Director; John Henderson, Karel Titus, Lorraine McCue, Nora Snyder, Children and Youth Services, Susie Van Riper, Jack Burrows, M.C. French, Diana Lyttle, Paula Valencia and Karen Shepherd.

Excused: Micci Bogard.

One community member was also present.

Call to Order

The meeting came to order at 7:08pm.

Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda: Lorraine

Second: Jack

The motion passed unanimously

Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes as amended: Karel

Seconded: M.C.

The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

In Micci's absence, Beth presented the Treasurer's report. She went over details of income from the several municipalities who fund the library as well as other funders. She also discussed the 2022 proposed revenue versus 2021 income; there will be some reductions in proposed revenues as a result of some COVID programs ending and other factors. She went over the expense items line by line in detail.

M.C. suggested that the board move money from our 2021 budget surplus in order to increase the collection development fund; the board discussed the idea. Susie noted that the library has received a fair amount of donations, which could go towards collections.

The board decide that the proposed 2022 budget should be amended as follows:

Donations: 12,000

Collection development: 7,000

Motion to approve 2022 proposed budget as amended: Karel

Seconded: Jack

The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

The President presented his original composition, Ode to a Rural Library. This wonderful piece reflects the breadth and depth of the library's collection, programming, patrons, volunteers, its place in the heart of the community, and its dedicated, one-of-a-kind Director and Children and Programming Director.

Director's Report

Beth Bevars presented the Director's Report. The word of the year is **expansion**. In-person visits returned in May - hooray. We held many programs outdoors on the green, as well as on the porch. 317 Summer Fun Packs were distributed to local children and families, building bonds and enriching childrens' lives. The Dyslexia reading hub opened this year, expanding the library's services to our patrons.

In the Director's report, Beth noted that M.C. French, former director and longtime trustee, is stepping back from a formal role with the library. Without M.C., we wouldn't have the library or library community that we have today. She has the board's deep gratitude and respect.

We also mourn the passing of Paul Batman.

Youth and Program Coordinator's Report

Nora Snyder presented the Youth and Program Coordinator's Report. 2022 will be focused on expansion and diversification of programs as well as making strong community connections- bring on the magic. The library presented **185 programs** in 2021, serving **2589 people!**

Special Recognition of M.C. French: The board

Election of Trustees and Officers

Diana represented the Nominating Committee. She presented the slate of candidates for three-year Trustee terms:

Susie Van Riper

Jack Bellows

The board elected the slate of candidates.

The committee then presented the slate of Library Board Officers for 2022:

John Henderson President

Karel Titus, Vice President

Karen Shepherd, Secretary

Micci Bogard, Treasurer

The board elected the slate of officers.

Public Discussion

There was discussion of presenting the annual report to the town. A discussion of the library's social media presence ensued; the limiting factor is Beth and Nora's time. Jack raised the idea of a "barker" out front of the library to publicize events.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Karel

Second: M.C.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously at 8:08

The annual board meeting for 2023 was set for January 2 at 7pm.