

STANAKER NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY

MEETING NOTES

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9:25 AM

Employees present: Nathan, Donnie, Tamara, Roger, Catia, Jovanna and Mariana.

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Nathan started the meeting with an ice breaker in which everyone had to say something positive about someone else. It was given as a way to appreciate the work of everyone at work.

Catia and Donnie are going to the Summer Food Service Program Training on Wednesday Feb 8th from 11:00 to 12:00; Tamara and Roger are going Tuesday Feb 15th from 4:30PM to 5:30PM.

Then our manager showed the media release about the statement the City of Houston Mayor Turner issued on January 26 on immigration. The statement was read out loud: "I know there are a lot of families and children who are afraid and worried right now about what might happen to them. I want them to know that Houston is, and always has been, a welcoming city, where we value and appreciate diversity. HPD is not the Immigration and Naturalization Service. We don't profile, and we are not going to start profiling people to determine whether they are here illegally. It hasn't happened under previous mayors, and it will not happen under my administration."

Jovanna sent to staff a list of supplies for crafts such as egg cartons, clean empty food cans, baby food jars, etc. that staff could bring from home. It is an effort to promote and better serve our Craft Programs.

Patrons applying for jobs who need staff help on the floor should be counted for the statistics.

Nathan asked if staff wanted a dinner at the end of the month to use the \$66.00 remaining in their budget. The amount is to be spent by the end of April. The birthdays of Nathan and Roger are coming up in March, then Donnie and Tamara's birthdays the following month, April. The money could be used to celebrate the upcoming staff birthdays, as well.

Everyone got to know and welcome our new volunteer Jenny to our library this week.

Stanaker might have a new program for the teen of a nearby Institution on Thursdays afternoons and Tamara came up with an idea of a program involving coupons. Jovanna proposed that the volunteer could sort out the expired ones and have them thrown away.

In case of very bad weather, we have to always let our manager or assistant manager know about difficulties of leaving home; for instance, any problem with flood or weather disaster. In this case scheduled vacation is to be put on Kronos if we are not able to commit to work on that specific day. Worst case scenario, weather calamities, the library will be closed.

Donnie confirmed the performers and dates for the Summer Reading Program this year: Happy the Clown, Summer Reading Magic Show, Texas Snakes and More, Ted Schwank Magic and

Illusions, EJC Farms, Petting Zoo for 1 hour, HMNS Docents to Go, Nature Discovery Center, Back to the Bone, Houston Fire Department, and Fire Apparatus.

For May, we are going to have a kid program involving kite craft activity and “Karate Kid” movie. Mariana suggested “Moana” movie for Asian Heritage month.

Read Across America Day takes place on March 2nd, Stanaker will create a display to be concluded one day before the due date and set on the Young Adult section of the library. The library will also have an Open Mic Story Time about Dr. Seuss books plus a signing sheet for those who read books by Dr. Seuss.

Stanaker will be receiving an author’s visit: Cynthia Garza will be here on Friday April 7th. Our location was asked to be the hosting location due to our large Hispanic community.