

THE ONTARIO CITY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
OVITT FAMILY COMMUNITY LIBRARY
215 East C Street
Library Meeting Room
June 11, 2019
(Subject to Board approval)

CALL TO ORDER Secretary Carmona called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

ROLL CALL Board members Rachel Carmona, George Newberry and Irene Chisholm all present.

ABSENT Motion: moved by Board members to excuse Nancy Bumstead and Ann Palicki

ALSO PRESENT Shawn Thrasher, Director; Courtney Saldana, Assistant Director Helen McAlary, Executive Director Community Life & Culture

INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions

MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Chisholm, seconded by Newberry and unanimously carried to approve the May 14, 2019 minutes with corrections.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

City Council Representative Debra Dorst-Porada informed the Board that there were a lot of good things going on. She mentioned Concerts in the Park, Friday night Movies, and a new Barbecue Facility coming to the City. She is very excited for what is coming and to be able to share it with us. She added that at the end of the month the 2019-2020 budget will be available.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Monthly Statistical Report for April 2019

Library Services Report for April 2019

Motion: Moved by Newberry, seconded by Chisholm and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Calendar for June 11, 2019.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Shawn Thrasher had only had a few things to report. First, he touched on Serving with a Purpose and how well attended it has become. He will continue to be on board for next year. Shawn talked about the kick-off for Summer Lunch and Reading at both library locations. He provided some statistics and mentioned the challenge to dye his hair, if the statistics can surpass a certain goal. Shawn invited the Board Members to some upcoming larger events at both locations. He ended with a request that the July Board Meeting be held in the Storytime Room due to the Meeting Room being used for the Summer Lunch event.

STAFF REPORT

Book to Action

Teen Librarian Ally Cisneros from Youth Services provided a follow-up on the Book to Action grant. The grant was from the California Center for the book to promote reading. The grant was in two parts the first was copies of the book for attendees. The book chosen was The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater. Another portion of the grant was for two skype visits by the author Dashka Slater. Ally talked about the partnership with Ontario and Chaffey High Schools. She explained that Colony High was unable to participate due to date availability and finals. She talked about the book clubs and the wonderful dialog shared by students and teachers during their meetings. Ally talked about how the event was promoted, the grand finale at Ovitt and Ontario High School, and the engaging questions during the skype visit with the author. She concluded with statistics on attendees and their feedback.

Mental Health

Teen Librarian Ally Cisneros from Youth Services share an update on the Mental Health initiative grant to help staff deal with people experiencing mental health crisis or homelessness. The grant was in two parts the first part was a 2-hour web-based training and then a 4-hour in person training at the library. Ally talked about how the Community Life Agency staff were all invited to attend the in-house training. The training consisted of a social worker who focused on tools that can be use when dealing with people experiencing mental health challenges. The second part was funds for purchasing books about Mental Health. Both libraries were able to purchase mental health materials to add to their collections.

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Community Conversation

Librarian James Augur from Adult Services and Coordinator of the Veterans Resource Center provided an update on the Community Conversation with a benefiting veterans grant. He provided a brief background about the grant and how much the grant funded. The funds were used to purchase materials and provide programs for veterans and their families. James talked about the first program to celebrate women in the military during military history week. He talked about how the events are promoted by various military connections such as Cal-Vet, American Legion, San Bernardino Veteran's Affairs and Bob Hope USO. James provided the Board members with the next upcoming program Starting a Business, June 29. The event will show Veterans how to use Small Business Advantage (SBA) loans to start a business or franchise.

Summer Lunch Grant

Supervising Librarian Daisy Flores provided updates on grants that are associated with our Lunch program. Lunch at the library is a project of the California Library Association (CLA), designed to support public libraries to offer summer food services. This is the fifth year the library has partnered with Ontario Montclair School District to offer a free lunch for ages 1 thru 18. Daisy talked about some additional grants that the library received through CLA. The grants awarded were to enhance the current lunch program, provide early learning and nutrition programs and host non-library meal sites to promote the library. The sites include two community centers, Westwind and De Anza. The grant funds support two temporary interns to help with meal service coverage at the library and provide activities and programs at both community centers.

NEA Grant

Assistant Library Director Courtney Saldana provided a presentation on the NEA grants. Courtney talked about the NEA grant in 2017-2018 where the funds were used for Heritage at the Park and other multiple programs. The next National Endowment for the Arts grant for 2018-2019 would all go toward Teen Book Fest. She shared how the funds awarded went toward some of the Authors travel expenses, hotel fees and marketing that included postcards, posters, booklets and brochures. Courtney talked about the great partnership with bookstores to help promote the event. Some of the funds went toward staff lanyards, shirts, rentals, supplies and janitorial services. Courtney stated that 2019-2020 Teen Book Fest would be without funds from an NEA grant, but it will still be a successful event.

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OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business to discuss.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board member Irene Chisholm provided some recommendations for Lewis Branch. She was concerned that the remodeling at Lewis was not communicated to the community. She felt that the Library needs to step up to the plate and make the necessary connections so the event can run more smoothly. Communication should be expanded regarding everything the Library is doing. Board member Chisholm also mentioned the Book Club and the possibility of asking the school to allow the use of the other areas, if the Book Club cannot meet at their regular meeting location.

Board member Rachel Carmona talked about being at the Concerts at the Park, attending opening day for Summer Reading and creating her art piece. She enjoyed the Serving with a Purpose and liked hearing what other groups are doing. She enjoyed the food and speaker. Rachel commented on being a tweeter. Every library was posting something about what's happening at their library. So, she added a tweet about our library. Rachel is also glad to see that the library is partnering with Huerta de Ville.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT


Secretary Carmona adjourned the meeting at 7:08 pm.

Respectively Submitted



Nancy Morales, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:



NANCY BUMSTEAD, PRESIDENT