

BUTTE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Zoom Meeting, Online 3:00PM - 4:00PM

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

PRESENT: Nancy Brower, Vince Haynie, Joey Brett, Penny Louton, Michelle Deese, Nikki Sandoval, Patrick Newell, Ron Serrano, Amy Sperske, Peggy Schrader, Narinder Sufi, Heidi Mitchell

GUESTS: Cynthia Pustejovsky, Heather Tovey

ABSENT: None

Call to Order at 3:03 PM

- 1. Public Comment – None.**
- 2. Introductions –** Round-robin introductions were made of all present.
- 3. Approval of meeting Minutes (Attachment 1) from July 2020 meeting –**
A motion was made to approve the minutes by Mr. Newell, Seconded by Ms. Sperske. Motion approved unanimously.
- 4. Correspondence – None.**
- 5. Branch Manager’s Report – Cynthia Pustejovsky, Gridley Branch Librarian:**

Ms. Pustejovsky shared that she is the Library Manager for Gridley, Durham, Biggs and Paradise. She said that patrons are happy to come back into the library and pick up books. More families are coming and although the County Libraries are offering curbside pick-up, fewer patrons are using the service. The lockers in Gridley are still a hit. She shared that Katy Azevedo is working in Gridley most of the time and on Tuesdays is up in Paradise branch. She shared that Aiko is now working at Durham branch full time since Christine left and Hannah Williford is working two days in Paradise and three in Chico. She started working just over a month ago and is working diligently at both locations. Ms. Pustejovsky shared that her branches are using Andrea and Joe’s Fandom Club Grab ‘n’ go kits for the YA patrons and are working on Grab ‘n’ go kits for all ages.

- 6. Library Director’s Report – (Attachment 2)**
Ms. Sufi shared that they are working to open up computers to all patrons and have asked managers to work on what this will look like with all the things that need to be done to follow the COVID guidelines.

Once computer guidelines are established, the Library will begin working towards availability of using WIFI inside the Libraries and then opening for more hours. Volunteers are slowly coming back with limited hours. We hope to open up to more hours in the coming months.

7. Old Business

a. NVCF Grant Update (Attachment 3)

Ms. Brower informed everyone that the Library Advisory Board North Valley Community Foundation Endowment Grant award letters were given to the *Ready Where You Are* proposal being funded at \$2,500.00; *Increasing E-Resources for Displaced Residents* in the amount of \$17,550.00 and *The Curious Minds homeschool club* for \$1,032.00. She shared that two of the Grants that were considered, did not move forward due to the inability to provide those programs during this time of limited services.

b. Nominating Committee for New LAB members – Action Requested - Elect New Officers

Ms. Louton reported that the Nominating committee would like to request that Mr. Newell be the Chair and Ms. Sandoval be the new Vice-Chair for the Library Advisory board. Mr. Newell and Ms. Sandoval accepted the nominations. A motion was made to nominate Mr. Newell as Chair and Ms. Sandoval as Vice Chair by Ms. Sperske, Seconded by Mr. Haynie. Motion approved unanimously.

c. District and Board member photographs: completions – rescheduled to January 2021

Due to COVID we were unable to take photos. We will reschedule for January, if possible.

d. Strategic Plan Update – Information Item

Ms. Sufi shared that the Library is working towards their Strategic Plan goals; however, due to COVID, most things have been placed on hold. Ms. Sufi shared that the Library is working towards recruiting an Adult Services Librarian that will be focused on adult services. In addition, Literacy has thousands of books they have been able to get into homes by handing them out in the parking lots. Although COVID has been a challenge, pairs are still meeting via Zoom and Bilingual field trips are being provided by Julissa via Facebook. The Trivia Bee will not be held this year.

8. New Business

a. NVCF Report – (Attachment 4)

Ms. Brower shared that the NVCF Reports were attached if anyone had questions. Mr. Newell asked if we could have the totals for the upcoming NVCF Grant provided at the January meeting.

b. Welcome Peggy Schrader, District 5 – Informational Item

Ms. Brower welcomed Ms. Schrader to the Library Advisory Board.

c. New Calendar Dates for 2021 –

Ms. Brower shared that the attached Calendar has draft dates for the Library Advisory Board meetings for 2021 and asked if there were any concerns with the dates. None were shared. A motion to approve the draft 2021 meeting dates was made by Ms. Deese and seconded by Ms. Louton.

9. Board Comments

Ms. Mitchell will connect with Alex Chen regarding better reception and clarity for January meeting, assuming we will need to meet via Zoom.

10. Review of Assignments / Actions for the next meeting –

- a. Ms. Mitchell will provide the NVCF grant amount totals for the 2021-22 Grant Year at the January 20, 2021 meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:03 PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 – Location TBD