

Friends of the Paonia Library Board

Meeting Minutes September 8, 2022

Present: Laura Major, Marjorie True, Larry Beezley, Judy Livingston, Pam Stephenson, Dave Weber

Guests: LaDonna Gunn, Laura Lee Yates

Absent:, Janice Thorup, Lesandre Holiday, Anne Every, Jane Schulz

I. Call Meeting to Order

Laura Major called the meeting to order at 3:35.

II. Introduce guests

LaDonna Gunn is the District Director of the Delta County Public Library District. Laura Lee Yates is a representative from Senior Connections

III. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

IV. District Director's Report

The District has conducted a round of hiring, but is still short staffed. Because of the reduced staff, the libraries will have reduced hours and rolling closures. The Paonia Library has already been closed for one Wednesday.

The Delta Library is expecting a February or March completion for the new library. The District is not using property tax money for the new building; it is using funds designated for capital expenses by the County Commissioners. Delta City will still own the property, just as it currently owns the Carnegie. Gunn said that the move to this new building will be much less expensive than paying for the repairs necessary for the Carnegie.

This is budget season, and there will be a deficit budget for 2023.

V. Minutes from May, 2022

Livingston moved that the minutes be approved as presented. True seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VI. Treasurer's Report

Weber had sent out a report before the meeting. We're doing OK, but not great.

VII. Time and Date for Next Meeting

November 3, 3:30

VIII. Cooperation with Senior Connections

Yates reported that the library used to do home delivery to home-bound patrons. She suggested an "adopt a book friend" program. The problem would be how to set this up, since the District has strict rules about checking out books. Only the librarians can check out books, because of how strict the privacy laws have become since 9/11. She will look at other libraries to see how

they're doing it. She suggested rotating books through the senior center, or set up a library at Creek Vista. Major suggested that if Yates could figure out a way to get book preferences to the Friends, we could go through the book barn and find books that match.

IX. Advertising at the Paradise Theater

Holiday has reported that the ad has been displayed for free for one month. Do we want to pay for another month? How do we quantify whether the ad was useful. Have we had any increase in membership? Weber will get a list of new members since the ad started running. True moved that we pay for another month, so the ad goes into the school year. Weber seconded. The motion passed.

X. Better World Books

True will check with Good Will in Grand Junction to see if they will take books. Maybe we could have a Free Book Day after the next book sale. We need to find some way to retire unsold books, since Better World Books is making it so difficult to send them books.

XI. Harvest Fest Book Sale

Major won't be here for the Harvest Fest Book Sale which is the last weekend in September. She distributed a list of tasks so that the Board members could decide who would do what.

XII. Elections

Major reminded everyone that we need to have elections for next year, so consider that for the next meeting.

XIII. Landscape

The Paonia Library manager, Sarah Smith, said we should hire someone to manage lawn, but could use volunteers to do garden care. We could have regularly scheduled garden cleanup days, perhaps four during the summer. True suggested that perhaps Senior Connection would be willing to help.

Beezley said that the sprinkler system is horrible and should be replaced. The mowing should be done every 10 days.

XIV. Adjourn

We adjourned at 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Major, Secretary