

FINAL
Prosser Public Library
Library Board of Directors
February 26, 2019 (Special)

Attendance: Roberta LaMonaca (*Library Director*), Joan Geetter (Chairperson), Beverlee Merritt (Vice-Chairperson), Ava Biffer, Penny Pearson (*Friends of the Library Representative*)

Absent: Martha Brackeen-Harris, Harvey Frydman

Quorum present? Yes, 4 of 6

J. Geetter called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call – J. Geetter performed roll call and noted the absence of M. Brackeen-Harris and H. Frydman.

Report from the Friends of the Library – The Friends had nothing new to report.

Chairperson's Report – The chairperson had nothing new to report.

Director's Report

Library Building Project – At separate meetings during the past month, R. LaMonaca discussed the prospect of a library building project with Councilor Joe Merritt and Mayor Suzette DeBeatham-Brown. Councilor Merritt spoke about the need for a video to help generate advocacy for an expanded building. Mayor DeBeatham-Brown emphasized the need for a process where everyone is heard. She also acknowledged her role in appointing a building committee, though no progress has been made in that direction as of yet.

Organizational Study – R. LaMonaca met for over an hour with David Ross, from Matrix Consulting Group, whom the town council hired to conduct an organizational study. Efficiency, service delivery, cost and process controls, and departmental and staff roles seem to be the focus of the study.

Spotlight Sunday – Recent attendance for the Spotlight Sunday series has been strong, with each event attracting more than 40 people.

Book Discussion with Martha Brackeen-Harris – On April 24th, library board member Martha Brackeen-Harris will lead a book discussion program on *The Hate You Give*, by Angie Thomas.

Conversations on Race Series – Another three-part Conversations on Race series has been scheduled for the spring, with the first one to be held on March 23rd. This series has been planned with the same facilitator, and has been conceived in response to topic suggestions from past attendees.

Adult Winter Reading – The adult winter reading program runs from February 1st to March 23rd. Librarian Joni Celmer has decorated the display case at town hall as a promotion for the event.

Dr. Seuss and Read Across America – On Friday, March 1st, the library will celebrate both Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America Day with a series of story times and activities. As part of the event, children's librarians and R. LaMonaca will be guest readers at local elementary schools.

Celebrate Bloomfield Author Event – This year's author talk and luncheon for Celebrate Bloomfield will feature Archer Mayor, a mystery author from Vermont. The event will take place on June 7th at Wintonbury Hills Golf Club.

Old Business – There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Video Promoting New Library – R. LaMonaca has reached out to Motion Inc., a video production company in Rocky Hill. A sample video on their website about a church building renovation provides a good example of what a three-minute library building video might look like. For something similar that also features additional location shoots at other area libraries, a price of \$10,000 - \$15,000 was quoted. Prosser funds could be used to pay for a video, though the board should probably wait until the town council makes a firmer commitment to moving forward with a library building project. The board will review the sample video at the March 12th meeting, and discuss ideas for a potential library video. At an upcoming project meeting, R. LaMonaca will ask Phil Schenck for an update on the project and the status of the building committee.

Public Comments

Administration/Education Subcommittee Meeting – Penny Pearson reminded the board about the Administration/Education Subcommittee meeting scheduled for Monday, March 4th. P. Pearson plans to attend, since issues related to the library building committee could potentially be on the agenda. J. Geetter will also try to attend.

MOTION to accept the minutes of the January 8th, 2018 meeting; seconded and approved.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 PM; seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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Technology & Administrative Coordinator