Bancroft Public Library Board of Trustees – Minutes of the April 2, 2019 Regular Meeting

Present were Ed Donoghue, Kim Erbe, Rebecca Brown, Siri Allison, Alesa Wilson, Director Susan Getty, and members of the public.

Minutes: Alesa Wilson made a motion, Siri Allison seconded, to approve the March 5, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Public Comment:

Correspondence: A letter and check for \$500 was received from Stewart's Shops for their 2018 Holiday Match.

Treasurer/Finance Officer's Report: Vouchers from the Library Fund Nos. 18 through 26 and totaling \$1915.02 were audited and ordered paid. Siri Allison made a motion, Alesa Wilson seconded, to accept the Financial Statements as presented. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Library Director's Report: See attached, including monthly statistics.

Committee reports: The Program Planning Committee met on March 8 and brainstormed many good ideas, some of which are already being implemented. For example, a DIY or Instructor-Led Craft Evening will be held the 2nd Thursday of each month (beginning April 11) at 6 PM. The Committee will continue to meet as inspired.

Old Business: Regarding the status of the Charter Application, it has not yet been brought before the Board of Regents.

Regarding the State Aid for Library Construction Grant Application, it is still with the Division of Library Development.

Regarding Trust Attorney Dennis O'Connor's addressing of the Board's questions, Kim Erbe and Rebecca Brown met with him on March 15. His opinion was that the Trustees of the Trust clearly have dominion over the building, but he asked for any documentation of the Library's or Library Board's responsibilities or policies. Kim Erbe forwarded what exists.

Regarding the picnic tables and courtyard improvements, discussion was had. It was decided we would request that Dave Culver repair the picnic tables; other improvements or replacement tables in keeping with an overall plan for the courtyard will wait until we know if we have been granted the State Construction Aid and then after construction.

Regarding the 2019 School Tax Levy, publicity is well under way—in the Library newsletter, on the Library website, and in information sheets to be offered at the voting site. These sheets will explain what will be provided with the increase. In addition, the School newsletter will contain not only the Proposition language but also an explanatory paragraph, and similar information will be advertised in the local papers.

Regarding offering social services/mental health information and referral services, Director Getty had a very encouraging meeting with Lori Bishop, Director of Care Management at Warren-Washington Association for Mental Health. Mrs. Bishop will be able to provide broad assistance with materials and in-person interactions and direction in this endeavor.

New Business: Regarding smoking/vaping outside the Library, discussion was had. Alesa Wilson made a motion, Kim Erbe seconded, to amend the Policies to include No Smoking or Vaping. In addition appropriate signs will be posted to this effect. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Regarding Lunch, Learn and Play, Susan will contact Herb Perkins to begin planning for the summer.

Siri Allison pointed out that she has occasionally missed offered programs she would have liked to attend. She suggested a good way to remind people would be to place a sandwich board at the corner outside the Library. She offered to provide the sandwich board as an experiment and to assist with keeping it updated. The Board was in favor and would be willing to reimburse her.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned.