

San Anselmo Library Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2018

The meeting was called to order by board chair, Doug Holm at 4:33pm. Those present were Tina Kroot, Judy Anderson, Scott Fletcher, Elihu Welber, Doug Holm, Kathleen Hiatt Cutter, youth commissioner Liesl Schoenstein, and town librarian, Linda Kenton.

Minutes from the January 2018 meeting were approved.

No public members were present.

Discussion Items:

Librarian's Report

- One library staff member has asked for a reduction of hours; current staff members will adjust duties to accommodate this request.
- The current library budget has been reviewed by the Library Parcel Tax Oversight Committee and has yet to be reviewed by the Town Council.
- Tunstead Live will happen Friday, June 29, 2018, at 7:30 pm, with Cajun-Creole music by *Sauce Piquante*.
- Spanish Story Time is held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. A parent stepped up to run this event as the hired storyteller returned to her home country. It has been better attended now that it has been moved from Saturdays to Tuesdays.
- Monday's Baby and Toddler Story Times are very popular, often times people are turned away from the first story time and asked to come to the second session because the Town Chambers are full. Ideas were generated by the Library Advisory Board to try and accommodate the overflowing story times. Such ideas included online sign-ups for story times, a third story time, and a simulcast of story times to play in the Town's museum. Thursday's Family Story Time is also very busy and attendance of the French Story Time is growing. In short, all story times are popular and growing. The Library Advisory Board members expressed concern for the library staff's time and energy. Also it was noted that story times require moving of heavy furniture.
- Night of the Poets is well received, attendees suggested that this event should be recorded. Perhaps other library events can be recorded. It was suggested that Drake High School students may be willing to provide AV services to earn service hours and AV experience.
- The library sponsors introductory dance lessons of different genres the last Monday of the month at 4 pm. It was suggested that the dance teachers contact the San Anselmo Recreation Department to expand upon these introductory dance lessons.

- The summer library reading programs' theme for this year is "Libraries Rock." There are bingo games for the adults and the teens suggesting different genres. The children's program is based on a passport requiring meaningful tasks and Also, teen programs include many different activities. Hoopla has created a "Libraries Rock" themed book list for all ages.
- Adult book group for three Mondays of the summer will encourage people to talk about books that they have read rather than discussing a single book.
- The Summer's Wacky Wednesdays programming will entail entertainment for children in the Council Chambers at 1 pm.

Teen Library Council Report

- The Teen Council brainstormed activity ideas for the summer. Events that made the cut are ukulele lessons, button making, henna body art, and a slime contest and party. Middle-schoolers are being invited to increase attendance. These events will occur the last three Fridays of July and the first Wednesday of August from 3:00-4:30 pm.

Friends of the Library Report

- Town Books has been open for nearly four years. Town Books lost money the first one or two years and now turning a profit. Some of the volunteers may wish to move on. As the store's five year lease is up for renewal, the Friends is considering retooling and reorganizing Town Books.
- At 2 pm on Monday, June 4th, a special meeting of the Friends of the Library will take place to garner ideas from the public and Town Books' volunteers about whether or not renew Town Books' lease. The meeting will take place at Town Books.

Board Comments Questions, Requests for Future Agenda Items

Many of the Library Advisory Board members are up for renewal. Three members may not be returning to serve.

The next Meeting will be Thursday, July 26, 2018, unless a potential youth commissioner nominee cannot make the meeting to be interviewed.

Meeting adjourned by Doug Holm on 5:50 pm.

Minutes by Kathleen Hiatt Cutter