

Berkley Public Library Board Meeting Minutes 20 April 2022

Present: Matt Church, Library Director; Rita Van Brandeghen, Chairperson; Amanda Rhoda, Carol Hermann, Jordan Paterra and Mary Jo Armstrong, Board Members; Natalie Price, City Council liaison.

Meeting convened 7:00 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Minutes from 16 March 2022 meeting were approved.

Librarian's Report:

The Library Director presented his reports on programs, services, and staff for March. Highlights of the report included:

- Berkley's Downtown Development Authority partnered with the library to do a Story Stroll along 12 Mile and Coolidge.
- The library resumed referring certain accounts to a collection agency, noting only three new accounts were flagged for referral after two years.
- The first Berkley U series was held on March 18 with the topic of identity theft.
- Matt Church and Rebecca Stout recorded themselves reading a chapter of a book for Angell Elementary's March is Reading Month selection.
- Karen Endres, Rebecca Stout, and Matt Church all have completed the National Incident Management System (NIMS) training.
- Matt Church continues to attend department head meetings.
- Programs and services continue to do well including story time, craft, and butterfly kits. 112 people attended 11 meetings from outside groups.
- The next Friends meeting is on Monday, April 25 at 7:00p.m.

Old Business:

- Library circulation statistics were reviewed.
- Circulation numbers have remained fairly consistent
- COVID update included home testing kits and KN95 masks are now available at the library
- The library board discussed the board's establishing ordinance; sections 66-22, 66-23, 66-24, 66-25. The board will reconvene on this topic during the next board meeting.

New Business:

- No new business was discussed.

Update from City Council Liaison:

- Natalie reported that the city is focusing on the Jaycee Park fundraiser with a generous donation recently made by Clark's.

Other Matters

No other matters were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting – 7 p.m. Wednesday, 18 May 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jo Armstrong