

# **Berkley Public Library Board Meeting Minutes 21 Sept 2022**

**Present:** Matt Church, Library Director; Rita Van Brandeghen, Chairperson; Carol Hermann, Jordan Pattera, and Margaret McGee, Board Members; Natalie Price, City Council liaison.

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Minutes from 24 Aug 2022 meeting were approved subject to correction of the date for the September board meeting.

## **Librarian's Report:**

The Library Director presented his reports on policies, programs, meetings, and staff. Highlights of the reports include:

- Matt has attended regular department head meetings.
- City Department directors have started walking meetings on alternate weeks to stay connected with one another and get out into the city.
- Response to adoption of the fine-free policy has been very positive.
- Summer programs were well attended.
- Costs for the summer reading program were sponsored by the Friends of the Berkley Library and Vibe Credit Union. Additionally, the Berkley Masonic Temple donated four bicycles and helmets as prizes for kids. Diane Brus of Pampered Chef donated a youth prize.
- The library now has a total of eight hotspots available to check out.
- The Spanish language class, lead by Sheilla Guevara, continues to meet at the library. Participation and interest remain consistent.
- The library is gearing up for fall programming.
- The Friends of the Berkley Library will meet next on Monday, October 24 at 7 p.m..

## **Old Business:**

- Circulation numbers were up
- The board reviewed and discussed the changes previously suggested to update the Library Board's establishing ordinance. It was noted that there are still a few issues to consider. The proposed changes will be put together to be reviewed by the board before submission for review by the City Attorney, and, subsequently, the Council.

- The Board discussed, approved, and signed a letter of support for the Patmos Board of Trustees. Matt will send it out.

**New Business:**

- The Board will continue discussion and review of proposed changes to the Code of Conduct at the November board meeting.
- The Board will continue discussion and review of the Materials Selection Policy and policy governing requests for reconsideration at the November meeting.

**Update from City Council Liaison:**

- There were no new updates from our City Council Liaison, Natalie Price.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting – 7 p.m., Wednesday, 19 October 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Hermann