

## **Minutes: April 27, 2023**

**Attendance:** Board members: Lu Snyder, Theresa Bucci, Sarah Wilkinson, Lauren Chase, Melissa &, Kim, with Stephanie Ralph and Sarah Hulsey.

### **Consent Agenda:**

April minutes: Sarah approve, Lauren second.

May Agenda: Lu approve, Lauren second

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Friends Report (Lauren):**

- Lauren was not able to attend the May meeting.
- Per minutes, Friends gave out two scholarships, has a table at Silverthorne's upcoming First Friday and bought bookmarks for the summer reading program

### **Foundation Report (Melissa):**

- Melissa was not able to attend the May meeting
- The Foundation also has a table first Friday and looking at other events in which to participate.

### **Capital Campaign Report (Steph)**

- 669K total collected to date
- Submitted a second grant proposal to summit foundation for 50K. Should hear back soon.
- Asking for grant from Henderson Mine
- Steph recently went to Front Range conference, where several foundations raised about 30K towards capital projects, which makes our Foundation's accomplishments all the more impressive.

### **Director's Report (Steph)**

- May is a quiet time used to prepare for summer reading programs.
- Summer programming is ready to go.
- One Card moving ahead. Hoping to get the staff on board in August and students signed up at school registration. There will be an opportunity for students to opt out. The program will be simple to start: pick up materials from and return to the library. Expand from there.
- The One Card program has helped the school district join forces with the library to promote literacy for the community as a whole. Interim Superintendent Tony Byrd will launch "Read like a bird" video.
- Next project on tap for the board: need to start thinking strategic planning for 2024-2027

- Steph would like to look at new opportunities and ways for the library to be. So many ideas. This is an opportunity to come together and think strategically about where we want the library to be. A strategic planning committee could help brainstorm ideas.
- North branch coming along... planning a promotional video with Commissioners in June and a walk around with the Foundation. May be a chance for board members to join.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Welcome Kim**

#### **Review changes to collection policy**

- Major change is to include programming and displays in the idea of the collection (response to some people expressing concern of library displays and requests to remove) and if folks register an official concern with the board, then the complainant will be made public (would be accessible for the paper or potentially prevent trolling attacks)
- We don't want to close down discussion but we also need to defend our values
- Addition of the library of things
- Theresa suggested strengthening EDI language in this document. EDI language in strategic plan. Could add to the bottom of collections document.
- Board approved to move forward with proposed changes and addition of EDI paragraph at the end

#### **Recommended Change to Bylaws**

- To require that vacancies are posted in various locations
- Send a live document for each boardmember to make changes and forward to Steph, who will put together for review and board will finalize at the next meeting.

#### **Next steps on removing charges for children picture and board books**

- Recommended by Colorado library to increase early literacy
- Last year Summit removed late charges
- Libraries want to encourage early literacy. Those books are most vulnerable to being checked out in large numbers and used by kids. They don't want to pay replacement fees.
- Particular demographic that we would help.
- Financial impact: Board books: no substantial fees, Early readers – fees paid – 2023 have paid \$1000 in fees. \$631 in books outstanding. Cards locked.
- Outstanding payments down to 17 patrons. 1 patron responsible for the majority of the books.
- We would spread the message that the library is a community asset.
- Removing fees would impact county funds. Must be approved by BOCC.
- As a library, given the charge to provide a resource to the community.

- If early literacy is one of our goals, spending several thousand dollars is the cost for promoting early literacy in our county. Is that money well spent?

**OTHER MATTERS:**

- Next board meeting scheduled for 5 pm, June 29 (not June 22 per regular schedule)

**Meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm** . Melissa motioned to adjourn, Amy seconded.