

Approved August 15, 2023

BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING

6:30pm, June 20, 2023

At the library and on zoom

Trustees present on zoom: Dina Dubois. At the library: Nick Kramer, Shirley Montagne, Rob Rinaldi, Kathryn Price, and Carl Demrow. Also present: Jen Spanier, Library Director; Miranda Moody Miller, Afterschool and Camp Director; Assistant Director Kimberly Hotelling (on zoom).

Shirley brought the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Rob moved to approve the minutes of the February meeting, Kathryn seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Shirley presented treasurer's report. We are in positive territory, due to some payroll expense and some of our fixed operating costs being covered by the after school and summer camp grants. Dina asked about a second fundraising letter. We could do even better with the garden tour this year. The book and plant sale brought in nearly \$1,900 with Rob's pizza donation added in. Carl made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Nick seconded. The report was unanimously approved

Jen gave the director's report. We are getting a lending telescope that Jon Saken is assisting with and it is being paid for with the Afterschool grant. Jon will make some modifications to it that make it more user friendly and it will be available for use by patrons. Jen also talked about building some shelving- Rob suggested the metro type shelving that can be wheeled out and is flexible. Programming has been busy with Harry Potter movie night and others. The magician is coming this weekend and Ben Killian the bear guy is coming in July. There will be some outdoor movie nights and a Beetlejuice night. The staff is working to get a robotics team going and there are kids interested in that. There are grants available for the robotics team, too. Jen brought up the solar possibilities and Rob and Carl spoke a bit about the limitation of site and existing roof and the need to build a second structure to house the panels.

Blue Hawaii will be using the parking lot from the 11th to the 14th. They would like to also use the Library as a VIP lounge from 10am to 10 pm on the day before and three days they are filming. We should have someone on site when the building is being used by the production company. Jen will ask for some money for the use of the library. Rob made a motion to approve the director's report, Shirley seconded. The report was adopted.

The Afterschool program was well attended- there was a dip in attendance at the end due to baseball and softball programs. There were a few days that there were some snags with busing.

The end of program celebration was on Saturday- unfortunately pretty lousy weather for the celebration.

Camp registration filled in three days. The camp is fully staffed now and families were asked to provide a deposit per week of \$25 with the option to have it refunded or donated to the library and 80% chose to donate. Miranda is working on locations for the camp for the filming days. The fairgrounds may be a possible location. Pick up and drop off should have a bathroom and water.

We decided to move the Association meeting to some time in the fall to be determined at the August board meeting.

We had some discussion around the Juneteenth holiday and should we be open or closed. There was some interest in keeping the library open for the day as an educational opportunity.

The next board meeting will be August 15th.

Rob moved to adjourn and Nick seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Demrow, secretary