

PICKERINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
June 9, 2016

The Board of Trustees of the Pickerington Public Library met in regular session on Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 7:01 p.m. in the library at 201 Opportunity Way. Members present were Cristie Hammond, Michelle Shirer, Mark Smith, Mary Herron and Robert Mapes. Staff members present: Tony Howard, Library Director, Kent Daniels, Assistant Director, Brenda Oliver, Fiscal Officer/Human Resources Manager and Colleen Bauman, Community Relations Coordinator. Also present: Kathy Bowden, President of the Friends of the Pickerington Public Library.

Excused Absence: Cheryl Ricketts and Mike Jones

Cristie asked for approval for the regularly scheduled board meeting from May 2016.

Approval of Minutes

6-1-16 Motion to Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for May 12, 2016

Michelle Shirer made a motion to approve the May 12, 2016 board meeting minutes. Mary Herron seconded the motion. Minutes were approved with no changes.

Public Participation -none

Friends of the Library Report – no report this month.

Finance Committee

Fiscal Officer's Report

Brenda Oliver presented the financial report for the month of May. She asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Other Committee Reports

There were none.

The Board recessed to watch a portion of the Summer Reading Kick-Off program; Mark Wood Fun Show.

Director's Report

Tony shared his report.

Overall circulation

Staying steady with about a 15.5% increase for the year. Of note, it is the second month in a row that our 1st time circulation is up 9%. This puts us at a -1% decrease last year. The library is heading into the busiest months.

Renewals – 6% increase for the month, 42% increase over last year. Digital Circulation shows a 39.8% increase over last year. New Patrons 29% decrease for the year compared to last year at this time; -1% decrease for the month over last year. This is expected to be down for the rest of the year due to shared accounts.

Programming statistic reporting – We will be separating ages for reporting purposes when programs include all ages.

Teen programming is actively being planned. Beginning in September, a minimum of 2 ten programs per month. One will be TAB and the other will be themed. Additionally the library is planning an “adulting” series designed to help teens prepare for the future.

Homework Help Center – Looking at ways to track first time versus repeat visits to look at success in retention.

17 media hits this past month.

Facility Report - Cracks in parking lot repaired. It will hold over the winter, but a more permanent fix is needed. Library purchased a power washer to remove gum on the sidewalks and to eliminate the discoloration of stone. Working on second opinion for costs involved with remodeling the Homework Help Center. Changes to the vending area, removed the cabinets and moved the vending machines. This will allow more space for community information and possibly another table.

Ohio University Pickerington – Waiting to find out if they will allow the reinforcement to the floors to hold the bookshelves and books.

Summer Reading Program is in full swing. Sign-ups: Adults 133, teens 136, children 800. Tony encouraged the Board of Trustees to sign up.

21 active adult volunteers and 9 teen.

Assistant Director Report

Kenton will be attending Origins gaming convention in Columbus representing the library and CLC. Central Ohio has a strong gaming presence. Origins has one of the largest conventions. We are looking at creative ways to promote the value of gaming in terms of education, team building, problem solving and critical thinking.

Emergency Manual has been submitted to Violet Township Fire Department and Pickerington Police Department. Highly praised by Greg Annis as one of the most comprehensive manuals he has seen. Next step is to send to Fairfield County Emergency Management for evaluation.

Mobile Circulation tactic is almost finished. Tested a mobile hotspot at Pickerington Farmer’s Market to do library card sign up.

Teen Book Fest is June 11. Food trucks will be there for lunch.

Lunch and Learns have wrapped up for the season. Social media workshops well received. Looking at Lunch and Learns focused on health topics.

Automatic Holds are going well.

Old Business

New Business

Donations

\$50.00 Donation from The Friends of the Pickerington Public Library for the purchase of Kindergarten books in memory of Laura Powers.

Donation of 300 books from Megan Warren who has a non-profit, Books for Bedtime. They will be given out at Summer Feeding Program at Tussing Elementary.

For the good of the order

The regularly scheduled July Board of Trustees meeting as well as the Finance Committee meeting will be cancelled.

Next Board Meeting:

FAB Committee Meeting

August 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. (Meeting Room B)

Regular Board Meeting

August 11 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. (Meeting Room A)

Cristie Hammond adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Cristie Hammond
Library Board President

Robert Mapes
Library Board Secretary