

## **Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

West Slope Community Library

April 18, 2023, 5:00-6:00pm

### **In Attendance:**

Kristen Thorp, Library Director

Julie Solomon, Chair

Joanne Treuhaft, Vice Chair

Lois Hays, member

Amelia Nason, member

Kristin Ingram, member

Larry W., Patron

Narjala Bhasker, board candidate

**Call to order** – 5:05pm – Solomon

**Consent agenda** – motion to approve the consent agenda from Treuhaft and seconded by Hays. Motion approved.

**Public comment** – Patron Larry W. shared an experience he had at the library. Board asked for a review of the library's incident procedures. Thorp will prepare a presentation for the next Board meeting.

**FY 23 –24 Budget report** – Lisa Tattersall, WCCLS Manager, presented West Slope's budget to County Administration. County's budget to be printed at the end of April and Budget Committee public meetings are scheduled in May. Thorp will send the Advisory Board members information on the public hearings once they are announced on the County's website.

**Policies to Adopt** – Advisory Board adopted two policies – Unattended Child Policy and Web Accessibility Policy. Policies were drafted by West Slope Library staffed, was reviewed by WCCLS manager, Library's Advisory Board gave

feedback, and the revisited policies went to County Counsel for final review. After edits were made by Counsel, the Advisory Board adopts the policies.

- Unattended Child Policy - motion to approve the policy from Treuhaft and seconded by Nason. Policy adopted with a unanimous vote.
- Web Accessibility Policy - motion to approve the policy from Hays and seconded by Treuhaft. Policy adopted with a unanimous vote.

**Advisory Board recruitment update** – Chair Solomon and Thorp met with a potential candidate for the Advisory Board and agreed that he would be a good candidate for the advisory board member position. Thorp will work on the paperwork to have WCCLS Manager present the candidate to the Board of Commissioners for an appointment.

**Advisory Board's SMART Goals** – The Board reviewed their goals for the remainder of the year and had a short discussion of what could potentially be carried over to next year as an ongoing goal. Board decided to continue the conversation at the next meeting.

### **Library Updates**

- Girl Who Code program was a huge success! Eight Club members completed the 10 week program. At the last class, each club member got to show the project they had been working on and receive a free Girls Who Code book to keep.
- Summer Reading is back June 1, and the library will have kid's in-person programming for summer for the first time since 2019!
  - Each kid birth-to-18 years old (or seniors in high school) will receive a free book and a reading log to track their reading goals.
  - Passport program will be returning where patrons of all ages can visit WCCLS libraries and be entered to win a prize
  - New Take and Makes each month!
  - Flash Fiction creative writing prompts each month

- Community Art Project
- Library is extremely short staffed, but will begin recruiting for vacant positions once we know which reduction scenario is selected.
- Name that tree! Library has a new mascot and will ask patrons to participate in the naming of the mascot via the newsletter.

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.**