

**Smithfield Public Library
Board Meeting
February 19, 2020, 7 pm**

Attending: Marilyn Benavides, Todd Durrant, April Godderidge, Eric Bingham, Michelle Thompson, Bill Emmett.

Welcome: Bill welcomed board members and excused Holly Jones. The minutes from the January 15, 2020 board meeting were approved.

Angela Gibbons: Angela Gibbons will no longer be serving on the board as her term has expired. Marilyn provided a thank you note for us to sign for Angela.

Donation policy: No changes were made, and the policy was approved. We talked about advertising it on our facebook page, newsletter, and posting it in the library for a while.

Library Board Bylaws: Marilyn gave us all a copy of the bylaws to read through to see if we need to make any changes. We will report back next month.

First Amendment Audit Activists: We received notices from some other libraries who have been visited by the First Amendment Audit Activists. They are a group that visits libraries and evidently, they can cause some havoc. We were told that the best thing to do if they visit us is to remain calm and friendly.

Library grounds policy: Marilyn said we don't currently have a policy for the grounds around the library. She is going to check with Wade Campbell to see if the city has a policy in place. If not, we may need to create a policy for the library grounds. Marilyn will report back to us on that.

Health Days participation: The Health Days parade will be held on Saturday, May 9th. We will walk the parade route, but we decided not to hand anything out this year. We decided to wear Harry Potter costumes in conjunction with the summer reading fantasy theme.

North Cache Library Consortium Meeting: Marilyn reported to us that at the meeting the libraries decided to do food for fines during National Library Week on April 19-25. We also had a discussion about library fines as some libraries are doing away with fines. We discussed some pros and cons of this. The Richmond library is going without fines on a one-year trial basis this year. We decided to leave our current fines policy in place for this year. We will wait to get a report back next year from Richmond on how it worked for them before we make any other decisions about fines.

Men's book club: Marilyn asked if there might be interest in a library men's book club. Eric, Todd, and Bill didn't think very many men would be interested. The current book clubs are not exclusive to women, but we don't have any men who attend. Bill and Michelle will ask at the next book club meeting what the members think of inviting men or having a men's book club. They will report back next month.

Blind date with a book: There has been a great response to our blind date with a book. Every day, more books are being wrapped up to give out. Prizes will be given after the last day of February.

Local author display: Eric and Todd were appointed as a committee to start our local author display. We thought we could advertise it with a big push during summer reading sign-ups.

Summer reading: Summer reading programs will start the first week of June. We plan to have another book sale. The library would also like to have an opening party this year.

City Council Report: No news from the City Council.