

Smithfield Public Library
Board Meeting
May 17, 2017, 7 pm

Attending: Marilyn Benavides, Holly Jones, Michelle Thompson, Eric Bingham, Bill Emmett, Mike Neilson Lana Robinson, and Kris Monson. Angela Gibbons and Randy Cluff were absent.

Welcome: Mike Neilson welcomed board members. Minutes from the April 19, 2017 Library Board Meeting were approved.

Utah Public Library Trustee Manual: Eric Bingham went through the highlights of chapters 4 and 5. He briefly talked about the organization and meetings of the library board and the role of the State Library. Michelle Thompson will go through the next couple of chapters at our next board meeting.

Donations to Summer Reading Programs: Board members were asked to talk to businesses for any donations they would be willing to make. Participants of the program will be asked to donate. The library is selling paper animals that ReNae Bowling has made to help with the cost. RaeAnne Thayne, local author, donated the proceeds from the sale of her books at the book club event held in June.

Book Sale: There will be a used book sale on June 5 at the library and any money made from that will also go to the Summer Reading Programs. Board members Lana Robinson, Michelle Thompson, Mike Nielson, Holly Jones, Bill Emmett, and Eric Bingham will be helping to staff that event throughout the day. The Summer Reading Program begins on June 5 and runs through the end of July.

Library Recertification: The Library recertification will be coming up soon.

Public use of library restroom: There is concern from the library staff that there will be many children who have been playing at the new "Splash Pond" that will want to use the library restrooms this summer. The concern is for their safety in the parking lot as well as keeping the library clean and dry. There has been a problem previously with children and parents who attend soccer games across the street. Marilyn has been told in the past that she cannot put up a sign saying that the restrooms are for library patrons only, because it is a public building. Kris Monson will look into that. A new restroom facility is planned for the future. It was suggested that port-a-potties be brought in for the summer. Marilyn asked all the board members to think of solutions and let her know what they come up with.

Book Club Event: Marty Reeder, local author and high school teacher, will be at the library at the end of June promoting his new book. All board members were encouraged to attend. The turnout for author, RaeAnne Thayne was a little low, but the library got very good feedback on the event. Three of the board members were able to make it to that event.

Report from City Council member Kris Monson: Kris spoke a few minutes about the budget cuts that affected the Library. The senior citizens, the Smithfield Youth Council, and many other programs have had drastic budget cuts this year and she apologized again that the Library has had such a huge cut to their new book budget.

Thank You: Mike Nielson thanked all the board members and friends of the library who were able to help out with the Health Day's parade handing out bookmarks. Around 1000 bookmarks distributed.