

Smithfield Public Library
Board Meeting
September 20, 2017, 7 pm

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

Introduce the new Library Board Chairman: A motion was made and a vote taken to elect Bill Emmett as our new Library Board Chairman.

Recognition of Mike Nielsen for his service on the library board: Marilyn gave Mike a gift to thank him for his many years of service on the library board. Mike has done so much for the city of Smithfield, not only on the library board, but in many other ways. He will be greatly missed by the library board.

Welcome: Bill Emmett welcomed board members. Minutes from the June 21, 2017 Library Board Meeting were approved.

Summer Reading Program Review: Over 1000 children, teens, and adults participated in the summer reading program. 230 children's books were given away as prizes. 118 adults participated, and 48 prizes were given away. Two candles were the grand prizes. 30 prizes were given away to the teens who participated. The patio programs during the summer were well attended.

CLEF Expenditures: \$1000 of this grant was spent on books for the summer reading program. \$4000 was spent to upgrade library technology and filters for the computers.

Library Enhancement Children's Grant: Marilynn applied for this grant and the Smithfield library will receive \$900 worth of Jr. fiction, chapter and nonfiction books from the state library.

Strategic Three-Year plan for the library: The board members were asked to review the current three-year plan and come up with some new goals for our library. We will discuss the ideas at our next meeting.

Report from City Council member Kris Monson: The Smithfield Health Days Royalty will now be Smithfield Ambassadors. They will be more involved in the Smithfield community. They would like to have a book fundraiser through Amazon.com for the library. The city council also brought up the idea of charging people from other communities to use our overdrive library. Nonresidents are currently charged \$5/person or \$10/family. We felt as a board that it may be a good idea to help offset library expenses, but need more information before we can implement it. Marilyn also brought up the idea of charging patrons for the return of interlibrary loans. Currently, the fee to send books back comes out of the library's budget. The board felt that a charge of \$1.50 would help offset that cost. It will be discussed more at another meeting.

Halloween Book Reading: Eric Bingham has a friend who is an illustrator and asked the board how they felt about her coming to the library during October to do a book reading. The book is called "Little Bat Boo".

Deseret Book Manager: The new manager of the Logan Deseret Book is Frank Cole who is also an author. He told Marilyn that he would be happy to come as a guest author for an event at the library.