

RPL Library Board Meeting
Monday, 2/6/2023

Present: Wilson Rankin, Jenni Goodman, Bella Calfee, Claudia Jones, John Yamine

Absent: Annyce Levy, Betty Overdorf

Note taker: Elizabeth Sensabaugh

I. Old Business

- John made a motion that the November 2022 meeting notes be approved. Jenni seconded that motion.
- December and January Board updates were sent previously. Board members had no questions about those updates.
- RPL submitted a grant for 'Rural Health Partner Mobilization with VA State Office of Rural Health'. The grant was submitted on 8/7/22 and sought \$20,450.00 for a refrigerator for the public, funding for fresh foods, library training and financial support for a facility dog. Related goals include improving food security, providing stress relief and mental health support for library staff and patrons and the staff and other training as related to Covid for staff. This grant was awarded to RPL and the Memorandum of Agreement was finalized in early January and spending is underway.

II. New Business

- Lamplighter Book Sale yielded \$1455.90! This was one of our best book sales to date, thanks to the hard work of Theresa Harkrader, Vicky Pierce, Barbara Ames and several faithful volunteers.
- Lamplighters President Betty Overdorf has resigned from her long-standing position with Lamplighters.
- The MOA was signed for the previously awarded 'Rural Health Partner Mobilization with VA State Office of Rural Health' grant. \$20,450.00 is awarded through the end of May 2023 and may be extended for another year. Related goals include improving food security, providing stress relief and mental health support for the staff and other training as related to Covid for staff. This grant was awarded to RPL and the Memorandum of Agreement was finalized in early January.
 - ✓ Funded events include a Parenting class offered by NRV Cares each week. The grant is providing a meal for the families that attend.
 - ✓ Staff training for Covid Recovery and 'Burnout' is being offered by Dr. Steiner in March and will be afforded with grant money.
 - ✓ Teens have had access to snacks and have a refrigerator in the teen section as related to this grant.
 - ✓ SFSD Oliver continues his training as a potential facility dog. Some funding has covered bean bag chairs for teens to sit in so that both

Oliver and the teens can more comfortably relax together in the 'cover' position.

- ✓ A Switch and mediation/relaxation games were purchased using grant money.

- A patron donated \$3,000 which has gone toward improving audio visual equipment in the teen and children's areas.
- RPL was awarded \$3,000 from the Dorothy Louise Kyler Foundation for the children's collection. These funds will be spent on Wonderbooks.

III. Staffing

- Some library staff attended training for naloxone spray administration. RPL has seen an increase in concerning patron behavior, possibly drug related.
- Some staff have returned to in-person schooling. This has decreased the number of hours that staff are available to work, so openings at RPL are being advertised.

IV. Programming

- Planning for Summer Reading Program 2023 is underway! The theme is "All Together Now" and several performers have already been booked:
 - ✓ Expedition Dino Squad on 6/10/23 at 11 a.m.
 - ✓ Big Bang Boom on 6/3/23 at 2 p.m.
 - ✓ Soap Bubble Circus on 7/22/23 at 11 a.m.
 - ✓ Precious Valley Farms 7/15/23 at 11 a.m.
- Oliver the Facility Dog is still in training and has not yet officially passed his Advanced Level IV testing. SFSD has visited him twice since his placement in early November 2022.
- A Charlie Cart mobile kitchen has been purchased through State Aid funding. This new equipment will be used for all ages and is complementary to the grant funding received.

V. Budget

The library is on track with the FY23 budget and is currently in month eight of the fiscal year.

VI. Miscellaneous

- RPL will be closed for Presidents Day on Monday, 2/20/2023.
- The Library is being cleaned by Stanley Steemer on Sunday, 3/5/23.
- Wilson commented on the roof work, which began in January and is nearing completion.
- Jenni mentioned possible opportunities for training with RCPD.

Jenni motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Bella seconded the motion.