

COOS LIBRARY BOARD
Meeting Minutes - Accepted 12-9-2019

October 24, 2019
North Bend Public Library

Attending:

Board Members-Doug Wuerth, Frances Smith, Carol Ventgen, Tara Johnson, Horty Joyce, and Laurie Nordahl.

Librarians-Rosalyn McGarva, Betty Vaughn, Shanna Allen, Sami Pierson, Joanie Bedwell, Teresa Lucas, Haley Lagasse, Anne Conner, and Cheryl Young.

Guests-Nathaniel Johnson, and Linda Kirk.

- I. Tara Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm and asked attendees to introduce themselves.
- II. After corrections to the minutes were made, Carol Ventgen moved that the minutes for the August Coos Library Board meeting be approved, Doug Wuerth seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- III. ESO Move & Fiscal Agency - Nathaniel Johnson led a discussion and answered questions about the possible ESO relocation and transfer to Coos County. Mr. Johnson explained that if the ESO was to move, it would be his office that it would likely be assigned to. Mr. Johnson also addressed the matter of the unmaintained law library, and expressed an interest in having ESO manage the law library supported by funding provided by the State of Oregon.

Frances Smith moved that a committee be formed to look at options for providing law library services in Coos County with the possible option of providing those services under the direction of County Counsel. Carol Ventgen seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously in favor. Individuals assigned to the committee are Drea Douglas, Jennifer Croft, Nathaniel Johnson, Doug Wuerth, and Sami Pierson.

- IV. Committee reports
 - A. Master Plan (2.3.7) Group - Frances Smith reported that the committee had reworked the policy based on the feedback they received at the last meeting. She

then proposed the new policy to the Coos libraries directors group and with their approval, she presented the proposed policy to the board for consideration. After discussion the board requested a change to section 4.a. to read: "The CLB at its discretion may act outside of this timeline."

Frances Smith moved that the board approve the policy Other Services Provided by the CCLSD Extended Services Office and the procedure with the requested change to 4.a. The motion was seconded by Doug Wuerth, and it passed unanimously.

- B. Handbook Group - Doug Wuerth distributed the second draft copy of the handbook and reported on the group's progress. The group discussed different options of additional subjects to cover in the handbook.
- V. Officer Elections - Laurie Nordahl nominated Tara Johnson to serve for another year as the Coos Library Board Chair. Carol Ventgen seconded the nomination and the group voted to elect her. Carol Ventgen nominated Laurie Nordahl to serve as Vice Chair. Horty Joyce seconded the nomination, and the board unanimously approved.
- VI. Board vacancy - Robin Greenlund (position 5 - small cities & Dora) has resigned her board position so the board will need to begin the process of recruiting a new member and getting them appointed. Laurie Nordahl moved that the County's application for a board member be used for this posting. Horty Joyce seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. All interested parties should submit their application to ESO by November 30th, and the announcement will explain commitments, including time commitments required of board members.
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Allocation/Distribution formula committee - The libraries have finished their boundaries and the committee can get back to work on the next steps. The committee members are Doug Wuerth as chair, Linda Kirk, Diedre Krumper, Horty Joyce, Carol Ventgen, Haley Lagasse.
 - B. Mediation next steps - postponed for the next meeting.
 - C. ESO courier vehicle - The ESO's courier vehicle has recently needed another expensive repair so Jennifer Croft asked the board to approve \$40,000 for the purchase and outfitting of a new courier vehicle. After discussion, Frances Smith moved that the board recommends purchase of the vehicle and accessories for

up to \$40,000. Carol Ventgen seconded the motion and the board approved unanimously.

VIII. ESO Report - The written ESO report was distributed with the board packet. The ESO Director is considering joining a nationwide boycott movement of Macmillan digital purchases because of their planned 8 week embargo on libraries beginning November 1st and requested board feedback on the matter. The board and directors present discussed the matter and encouraged the ESO Director to follow her instincts and join in with the boycott.

IX. Directors' Reports

- A. Powers - Summer reading went well and they served 800 summer meals. They have a new children's librarian.
 - B. North Bend - They've made progress on their building improvement plan. Traveled to Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association annual tradeshow to scout for Title Wave authors.
 - C. Dora - New staff members have settled in. The next LocalLore program is on November 3rd on Champion Trees. Hill to Mill DVDs are selling like hotcakes.
 - D. Myrtle Point - Have been working on grant applications, and just had a Halloween dance and costume contest.
 - E. Coos Bay - Promoted a staff member to manage Teen & Emerging Adults programing. Ask the Sexperts program went really well. Deputy Director position open due to retirement. Applications due November 1st.
- X. Next CLB meeting is December 19th, 2:00 pm at the Coos Bay Public Library.