

North Logan Library Board Meeting

May 8, 2025

Those in attendance: Jenn Albrecht, Liz Carr, Cathy Larsen, Andrea Wachob, Janean Huppi, Trent Bateman (Library Director), Emily Schmidt (City Council Member), Amy Fadel (Friends of the North Logan Library President)

Board Members not in attendance: Kate Ballard, JoAnn DeLange

Good News Minute:

Newspaper article about the Libby donation was printed and patrons have been really pleased with the change. The updated cost for a non-resident library card has gone over well so far.

Minutes:

April minutes were moved to be approved by Liz; Andrea seconded, all approved unanimously.

Budget Report:

Budget looks good. The furnace is still costly and will remain so until the remodel and addition are fully completed.

Director's Report:

The Inclusivity plan looks good. The library is trying to be more available to all North Logan residents including those who don't speak English as their first language. Trent met with the Cache Refugee Immigrant Connection (CRIC) board president to see how the library could better accommodate them. The library is working to make more non-English resources available.

The summer reading kick-off party will take place on June 2nd at 6:00 p.m. The library plans to charge a couple of dollars for the cotton candy. Last year it was free and was the longest line at the event. The library plans to have a bunch of bags made beforehand. Board members can email Trent if they would like to help prep the bags earlier that day. There will also be food trucks patrons can purchase food from. There will be notification on the flyers that food will be available for purchase.

Trent would like to get a hot air balloon at the event. He knows some people with a hot air balloon and a ride in the balloon would be the grand prize offered at the fundraiser.

The fundraising brochure with specific donations amounts went out. The library has already received its first donation.

Three of the employees have worked on getting a federal grant for new AV (audio-visual) system. Trent is also working on a grant for new computers for the staff. Because the current computers won't be able accept the newest Windows update.

Cathy brought the anonymous survey used last year for the staff. The survey helps the board get a feel for how the staff think things are going. She will send it to employees and give them 3 days to respond. Trent felt they would all have enough time to do so, given that the survey is very short.

Jenn and Andrea will meet with Trent about his annual review.

Jenn proposed the idea of a temporary library shutdown during construction and while the transition between spaces is taking place. Possibly for a couple of months. Library programs would still continue, only access for walking around the shelves would be impacted. Possible ideas to rope off the area patrons weren't allowed in. Or only having children's books out for browsing. The remaining books would be available for pick up, similar to how things ran during covid. Patrons ordered their books online, where notified when the books were available for pick up and came to the library to get them. No patrons were allowed in the stacks. This would definitely affect part-time employees. Trent would give staff plenty of notice for those needing more hours to find alternate income sources. Jenn restated this was something to think about as we'd like to make the transition as easy on the community and staff as possible.

Next Meeting:

The next board meeting will be on June 5 at 6:00.

Janean motioned to adjourn; Liz seconded.