

Library Advisory Board Meeting  
Madison Heights, Michigan  
October 23, 2024

A Library Advisory Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 6:30 PM at  
Library - 240 W. 13 Mile Road

**CALL TO ORDER**

at 6:00 p.m. by Chair.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Council Representative Alternate Bill Mier  
Chair Amanda May  
Vice Chair Kristina Mentzer  
Becky Hill  
Regina Juska-Svoba  
Jennifer Nagle  
Jeffrey Scott  
Staff Liaison & Library Director Vanessa Verdun-Morris

**EXCUSED**

Council Representative David Soltis  
Toya Aaron  
Student Representative Zebe Pritchett  
City Manager Melissa Marsh

**Motion to excuse those who couldn't make the meeting.**

Motion made by Juska-Svoba, Seconded by Vice Chair Mentzer. Passed unanimously.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Meeting on July 24, 2024

**Approve minutes of July 24, 2024.**

Motion made by Nagle, Seconded by Hill. Passed unanimously.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

No public present.

**REPORTS**

2. Friends of the Library Report

Mentzer reported the Friends held a book sale and have been spending lots of money on the library, especially on candy for holiday events. They're starting to sell tote bags and will host a vendor table at the City's Tree Lighting. If you know anyone who is good at taking notes or minutes, please let them know the Friends are looking for a secretary.

3. Library Director Report

Verdun-Morris reported that while the library didn't receive this year excellence award, it applied for and received a \$25,000 Library Services and Technology Act's Improving Access to Information Grant from the Library of Michigan. The grant focuses on early literacy and will see two storybook trails installed in city parks. The grant also covers the purchase of a large format printer and laminator to create early literacy materials for the storybook trails.

**WORK PLAN REVIEW**

4. Work Plan Review

- A. Collaborative Speaker Series - Subcommittee Chair Aaron, May, Hill
- B. Expand Tween Events - Subcommittee Chair Mentzer, Hill, Nagle.

Collaborative Speaker Series

Hill reported that the Native American Speaker series is as follows:

11/7: Corn Husk Dolls.

11/14: Native American Art & Music.

11/23: We are Still Here Storytelling.

Expand Tween Events

Nagle & Mentzer reports that books have been selected through April selected for Tween Book Club. Three to four kids have attended on average each time. Tentative events include: Creative Writing Workshop on January 18, Open Mike on January 25, and Zine Workshop on February 1.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

5. Elect chair and vice-chair.

Current officers:

Chair: Amanda May

Vice-chair: Krissie Mentzer

**Motion for Becky Hill as Chair, Jen Nagle as Vice Chair.**

Motion made by Vice Chair Mentzer, Seconded by Scott. Passed unanimously.

6. Set 2025 meeting schedule.

Suggested dates: January 22, April 23, July 23, October 22.

**Motion to accept suggested meeting dates of January 22, April 23, July 23, October 22.**

Motion made by Juska-Svoba, Seconded by Vice Chair Mentzer. Passed unanimously.

7. Work Plan 2025-2026

**Library Policy Review with the benefit of resident input on library policies with a measure of success being the review of one policy quarterly with committee members Chair May, Mentzer, Scott, and Verdun-Morris.**

**Expand Tween events with the benefit of more activities for grades 5-8 in community with measure of success being participation numbers with committee members Chair Mentzer, Hill, and Nagle.**

Motion made by Nagle, Seconded by Hill. Passed unanimously.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

May thanked everyone for creating a fast work plan.

On behalf of the Arts Board, Nagle thanked the Library and Friends for attending Skelebration.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

by Chair at 6:59 p.m.

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