

Library Advisory Board Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
January 24, 2024

A Library Advisory Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 6:30 PM at
Library - Event Room, 240 W. 13 Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER at 6:30 p.m. by Chair May.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Council Alternate Bill Mier
Jennifer Nagle
Jeffrey Scott
Amanda May, Chair
Becky Hill, arrived at 6:34 p.m.
Deborah Shepherd
Kristina Mentzer

ALSO PRESENT:

Anthony Goatley, Student Representative
Toya Aaron, Speaker Series Volunteer
Vanessa Verdun-Morris, Staff Liaison

ABSENT:

Council Representative Dave Soltis

EXCUSED:

City Manager Melissa Marsh

Motion by Shepherd, supported by Mentzer, to excuse those who gave notice. Passed
unanimously.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of October 18, 2023

Motion by Mier, supported by Mentzer, to approve minutes of October 18, 2023. Passed
unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No public present wishing to speak.

REPORTS

2. Friends of the Library
Mentzer and Shepherd reported that acceptance of book donation resumed. The date for
a small, themed Spring Book Sale will be decided at the Friends meeting tomorrow.

3. Library Director Report
Community Engagement Library was hired and is working in Techspace and developing social media. Library is starting to use an Instagram account and continuing to work on event development, while also review building safety procedures.

WORK PLAN REVIEW

4. Work Plan Review
 - A. Review & update members of subcommittees.
Former council representative Bliss was removed administratively from Collaborative Speaker Series subcommittee. No other changes were made.
 - B. Collaborative Speaker Series - Subcommittee Chair Aaron (ex-officio), May, Hill, Student Representative Goatley.
Mental Health Month Speaker Series will consist of five events on Thursdays in May at 6 p.m. Mental health professionals will lead each event.
 - May 2: Elementary Student Mental Health with Lacey Harris, Licensed Master Social Worker. Children ages 5-12 and their caregivers Limit: 10 children. Registration required.
 - May 9: Teen Wellness with the Youth Wellness Council. No registration required.
 - May 16: Question Persuade and Refer Suicide Prevention Training with Sarah Moore, Licensed Master Social Worker. Limit 25. Ages 18+ only. Registration required.
 - May 23: Psychosis & The Effects of Substance with Kimberly Son, Medical Doctor. Ages 18+ only. No registration required.
 - May 30: Anxiety and Depression Coping Skills with Amanda May, License Master Social Work. Ages 18+ recommended. No registration required.
 - C. Expand Tween Events - Subcommittee Chair Mentzer, Hill, Shepherd, Nagle.
Middle school book discussion is planned for 6-7 p.m. on Mondays, March 18, April 15, and May 13. Advisory board members will attend, but library staff is requested to moderate. Subcommittee members will work with library staff on books, snacks, and publicity. Possible future project: recording kids book reviews for social media.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student Representative Goatley will resign at the end of May when he joins the United States Naval Academy.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:06 p.m. by Chair May.

NOTICE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation through electronic means in this meeting should contact the City Clerk at (248) 583-0826 or by email: clerks@madison-heights.org at least two working days in advance of the meeting. An attempt will be made to make reasonable accommodations.