Library Advisory Board Meeting

March 21, 2019

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Approval of the previous meeting minutes
4. Guest speaker: Shirley Bruursema
   1. Friends of the Library group
      1. Shirley believes every library should have a friends group
      2. Advisory board members can be a part of a friends group
      3. Friends groups form to help the library
         1. Fundraising for the library – Director would give a list of wishes that the money could go towards or could be donated per a direction from the group (i.e. “for new books”, etc.)
         2. Meant to supplement library and help Director
         3. Separate standing organization with own organization and bank account
            1. Do not need to have 501(c)3 status, but it’s nice to have
         4. Help with millage campaigns
      4. United for Libraries (ALA organization) – toolkit to create a Friends group
      5. Will need By-laws, MOUs (Shirley has samples)
      6. State has Friends of MI Libraries Association ($45 fee for whole group)
         1. Alliance for Trustees is for Library Advisory or Governing Boards ($35 fee for whole board) – education and networking benefits
      7. Has own mission, values statements
      8. Library staff should not spend too much time on Friends initiatives, although some time is to be expected
      9. Usually meet every 2-3 months
      10. Community-oriented
          1. May have a large group of members, but a smaller number who are very active
          2. Home-school community
          3. Can live anywhere and choose to support this library
      11. Estimates: 6 months to 1 year to get a good core group running
      12. Membership usually $10 a year
          1. Household rate, age group rate, etc.
      13. Next steps: get a group of interested people (10-15), have an organizational meeting, should grow via word of mouth and library can advertise
5. Director’s report
   1. Library pipe burst
      1. Pipe burst in early February, in the Youth Librarian Office, caused flooding in most of the library
      2. Youth Librarian lost a lot of craft material, computer, phone
      3. Worked closely with Township, who brought in a restoration company
      4. Partially opened event space and lobby for book returns, pick up holds
      5. Not many books lost – most on shelves were fine
      6. Everything fixed now
   2. 2019 Summer Reading Program
      1. Donations already being received
      2. Kickoff party is being pushed back 1 week, because school days are being added after the snow days (Summer Reading Program will start per usual, but the kickoff party will be delayed)
   3. Spring 2018 Survey Results
      1. March 2018
      2. 100 responses
   4. 2018 Statistics
      1. Library visits have dropped off in recent years
6. Old Business
   1. Status of the Property
   2. Legislation update from Barb
7. New Business
   1. Fine-free children’s materials
   2. Could seniors also go fine-free?
   3. Next meeting: promotion ideas for Friends group
8. Public Comments
9. Adjournment