

BENZIE SHORES DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD
MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 9:06AM by Jennie Schmitt at the BSDL.

Present: Trustees, Claudia Bailey, Ginny Freeman, Jon Hawley, Brian Johnson, Laura Reznich, and Jennie Schmitt; Trustee, Jim Larsen arrived at 9:30; Stacy Pasche, Library Director; Heidi Gatzke, our new youth services librarian; Bob Cissell, library patron; Cathy Meyer-Looze, from Learn & Lead LLC.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Jon Hawley/Laura Reznich to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, unanimous.

Public Input: Bob Cissell praised the library's growth and the separation of the children's area from the main library space.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Claudia Bailey/Ginny Freeman to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2024, regular board meeting as written. Motion carried, unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Brian Johnson/Jon Hawley to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried, unanimous.

Approval of Monthly Bills: Motion by Laura Reznich/Brian Johnson to authorize the April disbursements as listed and attached to the minutes. Motion carried, unanimous.

Library Director's Report: Stacy reported on April. See attached report. Stacy began her report with a welcome to our new full-time staff member Heidi Gatzke as youth services librarian. Some time was spent discussing Margie Keebler's letter to Jennie Schmitt regarding the staff bathroom and other concerns she has about the library and the use of her tax dollars. No action was taken.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee - Discussion of the proposed budget for the coming year. **Motion** by Brian Johnson/Claudia Bailey to approve the draft of the proposed budget for 2024-2025 to be presented at a public hearing on May 29th. Motion carried, unanimous.

Old Business:

Garden - statue and dedication plaque - Stacy will talk with Carl Freeman about drawing a singing wren for the plaque.

New Business:

Strategic Planning Outline with Cathy Meyer-Looze from Learn & Lead LLC - Cathy asked us all to introduce ourselves and give her an idea of our previous experience with strategic planning. Then she gave a presentation on how she would proceed with us if we choose to work with her. She would recommend two half-day sessions in the fall after the results of the recent survey are available. Her presentation and the board's questions brought up many things to think about such as who are our stakeholders, how to approach the collaborative-competitive situation of having four libraries in our small county, what sort of facilities plan to have, what new remerging trends do we want to follow/encourage, do our mission statement and our vision need revising.

We will add strategic planning to our monthly board meeting agendas so we keep it on our radar.

At our June meeting we will decide whether to work with Cathy Meyer-Looze or not and set dates for strategic planning sessions in the fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Ginny Freeman, Secretary