

RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board meeting minutes for Wednesday, November 1, 2023
Park Community Center

The meeting began at 6:00 pm with Kayla Robison calling the meeting to order. Board members missing were: Fran Schumann, Alexia Lott, and City Rep Holly Jo Karen. Members present were: Kayla Robison, KarLee Roberst, Tori Fischer, Annie Griffiths, Wyman Satchel, Richard Carlson, Wayne Henderson, and Lora Smith. Minutes from the August meeting were read by Annie Griffiths. Motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Richard Carlson and seconded by KarLee Roberts.

Reports from board members were then presented.

- Chairperson Kayla Robison told the group about the success in receiving the PBS Kids november reading marathon grant.
- KarLee Roberts explained the next year's theme for summer reading, "Adventure Begins at Your Library". In a group discussion of what activities the library could plan over the summer. Gold panning with Richard Carlson was discussed, along with other ideas.
- Lora Smith in lieu of Fran Schumann shared the success of the most recent adult programming activity: self defense night. This fulfilled the goal of one activity per quarter.
- Tori Fischer shared about previous teen programming activities. Yard games in the park had sixteen attendees, and the hay maze, while harder to plan, had twenty six youth show up. This month will be human stratego, and after that the christmas party.
- Youth council rep Annie Griffiths shared of recent re-elections. The group is still working on sending out information with the teen activities.
- Wyman Satchel shared a positive support from the Park Bench, and Richard Carlson told about the new system for advertising the books on checkout.
- Richard Carlson expressed positive feedback from the Park Bench, and had nothing to share pertaining to marketing.
- Wayne Henderson had nothing to discuss.
- Director Lora Smith then did a director's report which included the board reviewing the rest of the strategic plan, and discussing any necessary adjustments. After viewing the benchmarks, she explained the area in which the library was struggling. On paper, the library's collections budget from the city wasn't as high as it should be. This was because of the numerous grants that had been received, however for the protection of the library, she plans to take this to the city and ask for more funding. Then library changes were discussed, including new clear bags for the take home kits, and a split between the programs for baby and toddler programs, being that they're a high percentage of the population. She then showed the group the new library mascot, a reading dragon-- to increase interest from older kids-- which will sit on the shelf with a question children can answer for a prize. In February, Love your Library month will begin with the tie in of a library logo contest. This led to a conversation about the hundred and tenth anniversary of the library and how to connect that to summer reading. Book talks for the Park Bench were lined up. And a mental health month for the library was set.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, from 6:00- 7:30 at the Park Community Center. Volunteer hours reported and Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Draft of minutes compiled by Annie Griffiths on November 3, 2023.

Final Minutes: Annie Griffiths 1/3/24

Richmond Census Info 2020

Population 2882

4% hispanic

2% other

20% 0-9 years old

Seniors in poverty 0%

99% English only children 5-17

96% English only adults

3.4% Spanish

.3% Indo European

.1% Asian Islander

96.5% high school or higher

31.5% Bachelors or higher

70% married

7% poverty

National Statistic: $\frac{1}{5}$ have mental illness, #1 cause of death is suicide in age 10-24 years olds