

MINUTES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY
June 7, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Community Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees of Peoria Public Library was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Chair Barbara Van Auken in the 2nd Floor Community Room of Peoria Public Library Main Library.

II. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: Margaret Cousin, Barbara Van Auken, Cathie Neumiller, Cathy Curtis, and Tom Menger

Committee Members Absent: Steve Buck and Roberta Parks

Staff Present: Randall Yelverton, Veronica DeFazio, Alyce Jackson, and Karla Wilkinson

III. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Approval of April 5, 2022 Minutes

Margaret Cousin made a motion to approve the minutes from the July meeting. Cathie Neumiller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Approval of May 3, 2022 Minutes

Cathie Neumiller made a motion to approve the minutes from the July meeting. Margaret Cousin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP UPDATES

A. Lincoln Branch Hall of Fame

Barbara Van Auken noted that committee members should have received a description of the award. Nominations are accepted every year from January to July 1. A selection committee reviews the nominations. Ms. Van Auken asked Randall Yelverton to send a reminder and the procedures to the other members of the selection committee. She also asked that the details of the award be included in the next board meeting packet.

B. Peoria Reads!

Alyce Jackson reported that ongoing programming will wrap up in September with Good Neighbor Days. Several staff members are working on a grant to fund a program in Columbia Park for that event. Upcoming programs include "reading invasions" happening in Lakeview Park and Columbia Park.

C. Summer Reading Program

Alyce Jackson reminded the committee of the theme for this summer and reported that this is the first week to sign up. Two in-person parties are planned for the end of the summer.

D. Other Outreach Events

- a. Clonmel Book Club
The Friends of Clonmel will start meeting again for a virtual book club with the library in Ireland on June 8.
- b. D150 PTO Council
Alyce Jackson attended the PTO Council meeting to talk about Summer Reading and library services.
- c. D150 Parent University
Alyce Jackson and Karla Wilkinson attended and passed out information about Summer Reading.
- d. Visits to CT Vivian and Holy Family
Katy Bauml visited both schools to talk about Summer Reading.
- e. Springdale 5K
Alyce Jackson is on a committee with Springdale Cemetery. She volunteered to help at a recent 5K in the cemetery. Participants received a swag bag that included library information.
- f. Kellar Guest Reader
Three library staff members recently participated in this program. It was the first time in-person since 2019.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Barbara Van Auken adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Barbara Van Auken, Chair
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