



TUALATIN LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 4, 2022

Present: Alan Feinstein, Katherine Kang, Dana Paulino, Thea Wood, Marcus Young

Absent: Ashley Payne, Nicholas Schiller

Public:

Staff: Jerianne Thompson, Library Director

A. CALL TO ORDER

Thea Wood called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January meeting minutes were approved by the unanimous consent of present committee members.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Chair: None.

2. Staff: Jerianne Thompson reported that the Library has hired Karen Rangel as a half-time Library Assistant and will soon be recruiting for a full-time Library Assistant. The Library plans to offer free tax preparation services provided by AARP volunteers, and WCCLS will relaunch the Cultural Pass program this summer. The Library was closed for inclement weather on December 26. Thompson shared recent statistics.

3. Teen Library Committee: Katherine Kang reported that TLC has been discussing leadership, empathy, and intellectual freedom at their recent meetings. TLC plans to continue programs virtually for the time being.

4. Public: None.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Strategic Planning: Jerianne Thompson presented a summary of the public and staff outreach conducted in support of updating the strategic plan, including results of the library user survey, nine community interviews, three focus groups, and a SOAR analysis (strengths, opportunities, aspirations, and results) conducted with staff. Committee members identified themes and needs from the results: improving marketing to diverse communities, increasing bilingual staff and print

communications, returning to in-person programs, and supporting community connection. Thompson said that Library staff will also review the results this month and will create draft strategic priorities.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Tualatin Area Ice Age Floods Foundation: Jerianne Thompson presented information about a new nonprofit in Tualatin formed to promote the history of the Ice Age Floods and the impacts of those floods in our region. Foundation members hope to create a visitors center in Tualatin; the Library is serving as an interim visitors center until then. The foundation has created an informational video, describing Tualatin as the crossroads of the Ice Age Floods.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. TLAC Annual Report

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Members: None.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

_____, Jerianne Thompson, Recording Secretary