Library Advisory Board Meeting  
June 20, 2019

Members Present: Leigh Rupinski, Carol Scholten, Elaine Ebeling  
Also Present: Lizzie Schab, Adam Elenbaas

I. Call to Order
II. Approval of the agenda
III. Approval of the previous meeting minutes
IV. Public Comments
   a. Adam Elenbaas: Library bill was unanimously approved in House and Senate and signed by Governor Whitmer on Tuesday
      i. Does the Advisory Board need to go through a reappointment process?
      ii. Advisory Board is now mandatory group, required by State
         iii. May need to look at and reapprove Bylaws
   b. Possible incoming storage company on lot next door to Library—Library Lane not to be primary traffic lane
V. Director’s Report
   a. Staff Changes
      i. Circulation Assistant left at the end of May – position filled internally (Naz)
      ii. Now need to fill Naz’s old position. Position has been posted for several weeks.
         1. In person interviews soon, hope for recommendation by July 8 Board meeting
   b. 2019 Summer Reading Program
      i. Started June 10
      ii. Kickoff party June 17 – 130 attendees
         1. Hula Hoopers performed
      iii. Ashley visited 56 classrooms in May to promote the program (roughly 1400 students)
   c. Summer storytimes
      i. Two storytimes a week this summer because of the volume of children attending
         1. Mondays (Ashley) and Fridays (Lizzie)
   d. Automatic renewal
      i. All Lakeland libraries started this in April
      ii. 3 days before due, if no other holds, book automatically renews for 3 weeks from the original due date (can renew up to 2 times)
      iii. Positive feedback – less overdue fines
   e. Allendale Community Early Literacy Project
      i. Ashley and Lizzie visited Family Fare to pitch the idea
      ii. Card packs in the lobby of Family Fare (packs are bilingual)
      iii. Build pre-reading skills
      iv. Kids can earn punches on a punch card and redeem for free donut or fruit
      v. Roll out in July
   f. Library statistics
i. Less people in the door, but checking out more
ii. More people using eBooks

VI. Old Business
   a. Friends of the Library group
      i. Need to outline goals for the group
         1. Promoting and marketing events
         2. Fundraising with a book sale towards sponsoring pricier guest events or eventually towards expansion
      ii. Reach out to frequent patrons, GVSU librarians, etc.
      iii. Yearly dues - $10 a year

VII. New Business
   a. Next meeting September 19

VIII. Adjournment