

Staunton Public Library
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
December 17, 2020

Call to Order, Attendance, and Presiding Officer's Remarks:

The meeting, held via teleconference, was called to order at 4:32 pm by Josh Howard.

Roll was called:

Present – board members Josh Howard, Cass Cannon, Randolph Bertin, Library Director Sarah Skrobis, City Council Liaison Steve Claffey

Absent – board members Mark Peterson, Virginia Trovato

Josh Howard recited the City's "Presiding Officer's Introduction".

Approval of Minutes:

Randolph Bertin made a motion to approve the minutes of the 19 November Meeting, which was seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously via roll call vote.

Talking Book Center report:

Sarah provided a brief update on the TBC as follows:

- TBC is engaged in a winter fundraising program.
- Shannon Meyer started her employment with TBC as a new staff member.

Director's Report:

Sarah recapped the past month's activities at the library:

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- The library conducted an on-line version of a career fair.
- The annual food drive is in progress. In the past, patrons often gave food items to pay off fines, but now that there are no fines all food will be brought in solely as donation. Food donations will still be accepted as part of curbside-only service.
- The library hired Trinity Byerly to fill a Page vacancy.

Facility Closure:

Sarah stated that she consulted with Laura Kornegay, Health Director for Central Shenandoah Health District, and attended Augusta Health's online community leaders update regarding the state of local COVID cases and hospital capacity. Based on the information received and the increasing community spread of Covid-19, the Staunton Public library made the decision to close its doors to the public again and return to providing curbside service only, effective 16

December, in the interests of public safety and the health of the staff. Board members were uniformly supportive of this decision.

Borrowing Policy Update:

Sarah requested feedback from the board on the updated borrowing policy. Questions were raised about why different groups qualified for a Staunton public library card vs other libraries in the Staunton Augusta Waynesboro area and how computer use is governed with regard to library membership. Sarah replied that the library wants to ensure that those who either live in Staunton and surrounding communities or who work here would have the ability to access library resources. Those who do not have a library account may easily obtain a guest pass for computer use.

Josh moved that the Library Advisory Board approve the Borrowing Policy as presented. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously via role call vote.

New Business:

Josh opened the floor to new business. Sarah encouraged everyone to generate feedback on curbside services.

Adjournment:

Cass moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded; the meeting concluded at 4:52 pm.

The next Library Board meeting will be January 21 at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Randolph Bertin