

Staunton Public Library
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
December 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chair Christy Davis. Also in attendance were board members Dan Swift, Josh Howard and Mark Peterson, and Sarah Skrobis, Library Director.

The minutes of the previous meeting October 17, 2019 meeting were reviewed and were accepted with the correction of the name of the exercise program Geri-Fit. There was no meeting held in November.

Talking Book Center report:

Dan reported on TBC happenings since the last Library meeting. The TBC will receive an inheritance from a local woman of over \$80,000. The decedent's husband was a patron of the TBC. The decedent made equal donations in her will to sixteen other charities, mostly in the immediate area, several of which were also vision related.

A TBC project launched at this year's Mischief and Magic festival in Staunton to send brailled Christmas cards, netted twenty-one requests from fairgoers. The group is now planning a winter raffle as another fundraiser.

Action plans for the year have been completed and starting in the 2020 year attention will turn to drafting a new five-year strategic plan.

Friends of the Library: Friends representative JoAnn Tigert was not in attendance, but Sarah noted that they had recently held their annual meeting and elected new officers. As previously reported, the fall book sale netted approximately \$4,000.

Director's Report: Sarah had distributed the October and November circulation and activity reports in advance of this meeting.

She also noted that they are continuing on the path to a new computer server and TLC software that has seen several delays over the past few months. The tentative install date is over the President holiday weekend in February..

Sarah continued by discussing the Valley Library push to eliminate overdue fines. She distributed and discussed the local research that had been completed over the 2014-2019 period, noting that the financial impact would be small while the positive impact on eliminating barriers was high. After discussion, and on a motion by Josh, seconded by Mark and approved unanimously, the board approved the support of the Valley Library proposal.

New Board Member: Sarah reported that they had received an official notice from Lisa Brooks of her request to resign from the board. The city process would now begin, and she would report on that activity at the next meeting.

Next meeting will be January 16, 2020 at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Swift
Secretary