

# Lafayette Public Library Board meeting minutes

Lafayette Public Library Downstairs Conference room

March 11, 2019

I. **Call to order** at 6:33pm

Present: Olivia Ameigh, Dave Belin, Susan Curtis, Jess Gribble, Warren Hite, Ed Knight, Ellen Smith, Jodi Tracy, Library Director Melissa Hisel, Library Technology Manager Bernice Hicks, and City Council Liaison Carolyn Cutler.

II. **Library Mission:** “The Lafayette Public Library brings community, information, and ideas together to inspire learning, literacy, and discovery.”

III. **Comments from Public:** None.

IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Tracy motioned to accept the minutes from the February 2019 meeting. Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

V. **Election of Officers:** A slate of officers was presented: Ameigh (Chair), Curtis (Vice Chair), and Belin (Secretary). Smith made a motion to approve those officers, Gribble seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. **Director’s Report:** Director Hisel presented information to the board about attendance at a panel on Social Justice and Public Libraries, strategies to reduce barriers, the upcoming volunteer lunch, the Build a Better Book program, a need for volunteers at this summer’s Art Night Out, the launch of the auto-renewal program, the increase in the number of holds to 25 (from 20), attendance at library programs, and the digitizing of the Oral History collection.

VII. **Discussion: Library Fines.** Hisel and Hicks presented some statistics on fine amounts and balances, and the board discussed the reasons behind overdue fines. The focus of the discussion was on the intention to increase accessibility and to reduce barriers to borrowing materials. Also discussed was which statistics could be tracked pre- and post-elimination of fines to measure this intended outcome. Curtis made a motion to eliminate overdue fines on all materials, while keeping the replacement cost fee. Ameigh seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. **Super User Statistics:** Knight summarized an analysis of “super users,” which are library users with more than 500 checkouts. This

IX. **Friends of the Library Liaison Report:** Hite reported that the new bookseller is producing increased revenues, and that the February book sale numbers were up.

X. **City Council Liaison Report:** Cutler introduced herself as the new City Council liaison. She asked for and received feedback from board members about the type of information the board is interested in hearing from the liaison.

XI. **Other Business:** Ameigh was selected to serve on the Citizen Advisory Committee for the City of Lafayette Comprehensive Plan Update. Curtis asked about attendance at a panel for library

board/trustees at a fall workshop in Loveland. Hisel met with the new City Administrator last month. City Council added work sessions on Mondays to its schedule.

XII. **Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items:** April 8, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

XIII. **Adjourn:** Ameigh motioned to adjourn, Curtis seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.