

## Lafayette Public Library Board meeting minutes

Lafayette Public Library Downstairs Conference room

March 9, 2020

- I. **Call to order** at 6:32pm  
  
Present: Olivia Ameigh Dave Belin, Randy Bender, Susan Curtis, Jess Gribble, Warren Hite, Ed Knight, Jody Tracy, Library Director Melissa Hisel, Library Assistant Director Patty Frobisher, and City Council Liaison Tim Barnes.
- 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:** Ameigh moved to accept the minutes from the January 2020 meeting; Curtis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. **Director’s Report:** Director Hisel reported to the board about upgraded LED light bulbs, attendance at the Public Library Conference in Nashville, collaborations with BVSD schools (especially Pioneer Elementary), structural changes with the IT department of the City, the City Communications Coordinator interviews, posting for the marketing position at the Library, interviews for the Deputy City Administrator position, communication and best practices about COVID-19, National Library Week in April, and new City Council orientation.
- VI. **Discussion: Annual Report to City Council.** The March City Council workshop session will include a 30-minute presentation from the Library Board. Hisel walked the board through the draft presentation with an emphasis on a combination of statistics, challenges, and opportunities for the Library. The Board discussed messages to convey to Council via the presentation. Some members of the Board will meet on Monday, March 16, 2020 to discuss further details.
- VII. **Board Vacancy:** Ameigh updated the Board on the process, including two interviews last week with candidates and a third interview this coming week. Ameigh made a motion to promote Bender to fill the regular member position being vacated by Hite. Curtis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- VIII. **FOLF Report:** Hite reported that two resellers presented at the last FOLF meeting. FOLF has a new member, Leigh Schmidt. The FOLF board also discussed the importance of volunteer hours and demonstrates the commitment of the volunteers. Ellen Laverdure will be retiring from Library staff on April 1 and will be joining FOLF at that time. The next book sale is over Spring Break, March 23 to 28.
- IX. **City Council Liaison Report:** Councilor Tim Barnes reported on the recent retreat where City Council goals and priorities were discussed. Those results are not yet public, so Barnes spoke in general terms about the retreat. He then answered questions from the Board.

