



OBSERVER REPORT

Abbot Public Library Board of Trustees-Monday June 6, 2022 - 6:30 pm in person at Abbot Library

LWVM Observer: Brigitte Lagoutte

Members in attendance: Nancy Arata, Gary Amberik, Ann McGreevy, John Williams, David Ross, EuRim Chun, Kathleen Waslov, Kim Grad.

1. The Minutes of May 9, 2022 meeting were approved.

2. Library Director's Report

- Summer Reading program will be launched on Saturday June 11: the theme is Oceans of Possibilities - schools have been notified so they can promote the Program to their students before summer vacation. Children, teens and adults are all invited to sign up for the program and receive a reading log to record time spent reading or listening books during the summer, and a packet of fun items. All participants will also be able to receive a ticket for the Summer Reading Prize Basket Raffle. All Summer Reading Prize Raffle Baskets are sponsored by the Friends of Abbot Public Library.
- The Library has 2 new staff members: one adult service librarian and a teen librarian.
- The Library has now 14 full time employees and 9 part time employees.

The preparations for the move are underway: sorting out books, doing inventory of furniture objects and artifacts, selecting a moving company, etc.

The website continues to be updated and transformed and should be completed by the end of July.

The number of things to borrow keeps expanding: hotspots, a sewing machine and a graphic calculator are among the new items.

The Library is planning to organize a Fix It Clinic at the Library in the next months.

The Trustees voted in approval of the Code of Conduct and Policies of the Library

3. Chairman's Report

The Board's goal for the next year is to remain focused on the transitional Library and prioritizing the type of programs that will be offered during the transition.

A new Board will start in July. Nancy Arata and EuRim Chun both have finished their terms will be replaced by two new Trustees. Nancy will become a member of the Building and Renovation Committee. Gary Amberik, APL Trustee, will act as Interim Chair.

4 Building and Renovation Committee updates:

The BRC is working hard to stay within the current budget.

5. Foundation updates:

The Foundation next meeting is tomorrow. The Foundation's approach has 2 main focuses: building up the endowment, and fundraising for the current operation of the Library. A gala is being planned for Spring 2023 with a large number of invitees.

6. Friends of the Library

- 9,000 postcards will be sent next week as part of the membership drive
- There will be another book sale before the Library move.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Next meeting will be in person on July 11, 2022. Venue to be determined