

**EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 19, 2014
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Singer Room, Downtown Library
100 West 10th

Present: Jennifer Geller, Joe Gonzales, Mary Hochberg, Angela Peacor, and Morgan Vauk

Absent: Jenny Jonak, Rose Perius, and Natalie Reeves

Staff: Connie Bennett, Renee Grube, and LaVena Nohrenberg

1. Called to Order and Introductions.
2. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda – Correct the ending time of the meeting to be 5:30pm. Election of Vice President occurred at the last meeting.
3. Approval of January Minutes – approved.
4. Public comment – none.
5. Reports:
 - i. Library Services Director: Recruitment for new Advisory Board members will continue until March 28. Angela and Mary are both at term limits; Morgan may fill her one-year position again if she attends the University of Oregon. Big Read activities occur through April 4th, when there is a finale party. In the fall, we will be holding a community read in honor of former Poet Laureate William Stafford. Connie is preparing a brief summary report from her recent attendance of the Public Library Association conference. This year's Summer Reading theme is science oriented: Fizz, Boom, Read!
 - ii. Executive Director: The budget committee agreed on the City Manager Jon Ruiz's strategies for the general fund budget. At the end of April, Jon brings the comprehensive budget that includes all funds to the budget committee. No changes to the strategies are anticipated; they include a reduction of Sunday hours Downtown and one time funding to keep Sheldon open to give time to find alternative funding. The Sunday reduction will impact some employees. Because the Library has some vacant positions, no one will have to leave the organization. There is not a final decision on what will be the Sunday open hours. Conversations about alternative funding, such as a Library levy, have already begun. Advisory Board members can participate in the process as individuals, but the Library Advisory Board as a group could not.
 - iii. EPL Foundation: We were pleased with library advocacy during the budget discussions. Just before the Big Read finale on April 4th, there is a thank you event for our larger donors.
 - iv. Friends of EPL: The book sale is on April 12 and 13. Friends have recently begun selling books online through Amazon.com.
6. Info Share: A board member requested that Advisory Board minutes be posted on the Library's website.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 21, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m., Singer Room. Following the meeting will be a social gathering to thank the Board members who have completed their terms.