

Members Present: JoAnne Hanrahan, Peter DeWind, Charmian Foster, Kate Miller-Corcoran, Katie Bowers, Vikki Collazo, Sarah Glose, Jennifer Embry

Also Present: Josias Bartram, Laura Haynes, Judd Karlman, Sherry Kowalski, Kathleen Shores

CALL TO ORDER - 5:34pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

GUESTS - none

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA - none

- Motion to accept September 14, 2023 minutes. Approved: Motioned by Kate Miller-Corcoran and 2nd by Vikki Collazo, passes unanimously

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

- Kristine Burke – resignation as Custodial Worker
 - Motion to accept resignation. Approved: Motioned by Vikki Collazo and 2nd by Charmian Foster, passes unanimously.
- Ismael Waldron – appointment as Custodial Worker
 - Motion to accept appointment. Approved: Motioned by Kate Miller-Corcoran and 2nd by Peter DeWind, passes unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 4CLS Digital Content Plan
 - Discussed having a yearly cycle to make sure board/ED cover together core library services and programs
 - BCLP uses Hoopla and Libby/Overdrive - the patron and staff review of them is unsatisfactory - they often do not have the books they want.
 - Libby/Overdrive is through 4CLS. The system purchases titles and loans out the “copy”.
 - Hoopla is through BCPL only. It is pay per patron use. It has a lot more content, but creates a weird reverse incentive - if more people use it then we budgeted for, we’d need to drive down usage.
 - Audiobooks and ebooks are regarded as “software” under the law, so their usage is limited and highly variable depending on the publisher (can expire after a certain number of uses, certain number of days, etc) and the licenses range widely in price - the price for libraries is often 4-5x the cost of the regular consumer price).
 - Physical books and DVDs still dominate our circulation - cannot reduce book budget to cover ebooks.
 - Presently, we do not pay out of our book budget for Overdrive.
 - Comparably-sized library systems are spending 3-4x what 4CLS spends. As a result, we have far fewer e-resources and are also locked out of reciprocal agreements with other systems to be able to share e-resources.
 - We need to vote: there is a three year plan to improve the e-resources system from 4CLS (with lots of input from BCPL):
 - All libraries in the system will increase spending each year through 2026. Our spending will look like the following:
 - Initially out of the A/V budget.
 - 2024: \$8,360.10
 - 2025: \$9,753.45
 - 2026: \$11,146.80

- Staff Development Training - was invigorating and fun for the staff!
- BCPL is investing more in staff training for all library staff, including things like NYLA, certificate programs, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

- Cultural Humility training
 - Should we have a brief board meeting before the training, or just cancel?
 - Reports will still come out either way.
 - Motion to cancel November meeting: Vote: Approved: Motioned by Vikki Collazo, 2nd by Kate Miller-Corcoran, passes unanimously.

REPORTS

- Committee Reports
 - Strategic Plan: will have a strategic plan to present in February
 - Nominating: Meeting on Monday to discuss two candidates to replace Peter and Jennifer.
- September financials
 - Reviewed new format to the financial reporting
 - Includes fund and trust balance.
- Director's Report
 - Budget hearing will be on 10/24//23
 - Presented to Mayor's Office about budget, well received.
 - Josias will be out of the office from March 7 - April 22, 2024. Sherry and Judd will be covering during that time.
- Staff Reports

Next meeting (Cultural Humility Training) is the 2nd Thursday in November.

Motion to adjourn, 6:43pm: Vote: Approved: Motioned by Kate Miller-Corcoran, 2nd by Charmian Foster, passes unanimously.

ATTACHMENTS

- September minutes
- BCPL_Policy 0028_Board Committee Assignments 2023 (updated)
- Overdrive Phase-In 2024-2026
- 4CLS Digital Content Plan and Ballot 2023