**Franklin Public Library**

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**March 27, 2023**

**Present**: Charleen Belcher, Kathleen Gerwatowski, Amanda Rabbitt, Barbara Steele, Alison Wallace of the Board, and Library Director Felicia Oti.

**Call to Order**: Charleen called the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

**Public Comment**: None

**Minutes:** The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

**Report of the Board Members:**

**Barbara:** Barbara received an email from a community member asking if the library would consider offering a course on cursive handwriting. The email states that cursive is no longer taught in schools. The Board considered the request. Felicia will reach out to elementary schools to determine the level of interest.

**Kathleen:** Kathleen inquired about the possibility of adding a hiking backpack to the Library of Things, like the one provided at the Los Angeles Public Library. The backpack would include a compass, area guidebook, hiking poles, and more. Felicia will assess community interest.

**Amanda:** Amanda attended the gardening program on peonies. It was very well attended. Some attendees learned what they had been doing wrong with their peonies.

**Charleen**: Charleen will be attending the Friends of Franklin Library on May 3rd. She also attended the book sale this past weekend. Although it was late in the day, Charleen observed there were a couple of volunteers who were less than attentive to patrons. A reminder about the importance of excellent customer service will be forthcoming.

**Facilities Use Policy:** The Board reviewed a draft of the Franklin’s Facilities Use Guidelines for clarity and grammar. Many changes were made to the January 30, 2017 version. Felicia will incorporate the changes and provide the revised draft for vote at the next meeting.

**Public Programming Policy:** The Board discussed the draft of the Public Programming Policy. Small changes were discussed. The Board approved the updated version.

**Library Director’s report:** Everything is going very well. The book sale has become a popular social event. Attendance is strong. Dealers and young people who resell books are also frequent customers. The April vacation schedule is packed. Dean College is teaming up with tween/teen services to offer a poetry workshop. Felicia described Aspen Discover, a new catalog platform to be rolled out soon which will enhance patron search options. It will be customizable to reflect our community’s preferences.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on May 1, 2023.

**Agenda for next month:** At the next meeting we will vote on the Facilities Use Policy, discuss the FY24 budget, and receive a library programming update including April vacation.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Gerwatowski