

Smithfield Public Library

Board Meeting

October 19th 2022

Attending: Bill Emmett, April Godderidge, Eric Bingham, Todd Durrant, Karen Bowling, Wade Campbell

Concerns were brought up about Marilyn and after she was told that the city would make a "reduction in force," Marilyn decided to retire immediately. Karen Bowling is interim director of the library. Some staff concerns, budgeting concerns, and patron concerns had been brought up.

It was suggested by April that we possibly visit Marilyn to express our appreciation, assuming she is okay with a visit. It could still be a very sensitive topic for her. It may have felt very abrupt and she may need some time to get over it.

We are here to support Karen and help however we can as a library board.

A grant that Utah state offers has traditionally been used to buy books. Karen would rather move \$1000 - \$2000 into the programming budget in order to start new products. Need to pay for supplies for author visit, crafting programs, D&D program, etc. Could help with refreshments.

Programming has \$1200 left in programming budget which would only cover summer reading program and storytime. So she's like to add to the budget for that additional programming. New budget starts on July 1st. A mid-year adjustment by the city would move the money from book budget to programming.

Pie making is the first Thursday in November.

These activities are advertised in newsletters etc. Library will explore more avenues to spread the word. Eric shared ideas about how another library became a hub of the city. We can look for ways to lead more people to the library until it becomes a central hub.

Library hours may change to stay open later when we reach the new budget year. It needs to be open when people want to go. It may take time to adjust staffing, etc. to make it happen.

We need to be examining what the community needs. What does the community want out of the library. Karen opened up brainstorming to the library staff in order to take closer looks at different ideas. Board is invited to add ideas to the idea list.

New board member options: Marty Reeder? Kathy might make a new board director?

We'll meet again in November (16th) and then we'll meet in January. That will be Bill's last meeting.