

## **Duchesne County Library Board Meeting**

March 20, 2019

Crossroads Senior Center, Roosevelt, Utah

**Roll Call:** Chair Bert Jenson, Commissioner Greg Todd, Director Daniel Mauchley, Secretary Lori Ann Potter, Vice-Chair Sherry Lott, Dixie Swasey

**Excused:** Janet Roberts, Kerrilyn Miles

**Convened:** 4:33 p.m.

### **Proposed: Approval of February 2019 Minutes**

- Motion: Greg Todd
- Seconded: Sherry Lott
- All Approved

**Public Comment:** Beverly Hansen sent us a letter of gratitude to the board for all that has been going on with the library systems.

Perhaps we could write a letter to Jeannie Mecham, Becky Muir, Wendy Hargis on their ULA Paraprofessional Certification.

**Board Training--Library Advocacy:** Video of Sally Gardner Reed speaking on Advocacy. Important for trustees to be advocates--to be visible and vocal, show that they care. What are the best ways to be trustees for their libraries?

1. Know the mayor, council people in their community, and other people have a lot of influence. You want that influence to be positive towards the library. Have to talk to them and tell them why it matters; don't just give information but actually explain why it is important for our community.
2. Trustees should be part of budget time; Need to know the budget scheduling. When are the first budget talks taking place? Explain how critically important it is for library to be well-funded.
3. Libraries are critical in the digital age. Libraries collect the world of information and making it freely available to all people . . . world of information isn't free, and libraries are bearing that cost and redistributing and making it available. We have to show the return on that investment. What is the cost of failure of libraries to help unemployed, children going into Kindergarten, etc. That is the case we have to make. Pay for prevention rather than pay for failure.
4. Credibility of trustees damaged when we see libraries wither on the vine because we are unwilling to fight for it. Trustees build credibility when they fight for something as important as their public library. More engagement at the local library, more likely that there will be success.
5. Strategies for trustees and friends for convincing funders and others that libraries are necessary: postcards, phone calls, digital platforms.

Daniel: word of mouth is still the most powerful way to disseminate information about the library.

**Proposed: Move to a closed Executive session: Strategic planning for the location of a new library. (Separate Minutes and Recording Made). Time: 5:00-5:50**

- Motion: Dixie Swasey
- Seconded: Lori Ann Potter
- All Approved

**5:50: moved back to Open Session**

**February Library Statistics/Budget Questions/Consent Agenda Questions**

- Fruitland drop box got busy
- Population has stayed pretty constant since 2012

**By May we should be able to go back to Tuesday meetings.**

**Next Library Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 17, 4:30 p.m. @ Duchesne Library Branch  
Adjourned: 6:04**

Motion to Adjourn: Sherry Lott

Seconded: Bert Jenson

All Approved

**Minutes approved 04/17/2019.**