Oxford Library Board Meeting Minutes February 6, 2023

Present: Jayne Keiser, Billie Ruden, Lauren Roberts, Megan Dial-Lapcewich, Deb Kinney, Colleen Bowers, and Elizabeth Spratt

Absent: Margaret Hennes

Minutes - A motion was made and seconded by Kinney/Bowers to approve the December minutes. Motion carried.

Librarian Report

Library Usage - In December the library was open 64 hours with 369 patrons in the library, four computer users, 165 physical materials and 72 e-books were checked out. No new library cards were issued. 297 patrons attended the various programs in the library. Thirty craft bags were distributed.

Summer Reading Program - A donation of \$500 was received for the Summer Reading Program. This year's summer reading program theme is "Find Your Voice". The Oxford Vision Committee will be helping with the cost of obtaining the traveling sting ray exhibit from the National Mississippi River Museum for a program this summer for the library.

Library Programs - Chapter Book Chats with an activity for older children is going well. The book "Dragons in a Bag" by Zetta Elliott is being read. An adult film club is held on Fridays for teens and adults, and will be moved to 6 P.M. to help with attendance. A non-fiction bi-monthly book club will begin in February. Trivia Night, held in January, had the theme of Marvels of the Universe. The adult book club has grown. Lauren may split the group to an in-person group and a separate zoom group.

Library Marketing - Marketing the library programs was discussed. Lauren will advertise programs weekly/monthly through Facebook and paper fliers on the Library Window, Post Office, The Annex, The Depot, and Oxford Town Hall. Sending a monthly email to library patrons with the library programs was discussed. Lauren to look into it.

Librarian Review - Lauren's annual review by the Library Board will be at the next meeting. Megan will send out the form for the review to the Board members to complete and return to her. The March meeting will begin at 6:00 due to Lauren's evaluation.

Mayor/Library Audit Meetings - Billie and Lauren are going to meet with Mayor Heather monthly for an audit/closed meeting to communicate with her about the library before the actual City Council meeting. Lauren will write up an overview after each meeting with Heather.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Motion made and seconded by Spratt/Keiser to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.