

City of St. Helens  
***Library Board***  
**Minutes from Monday, January 14, 2019**  
St. Helens Public Library

**Members Present**

Becky Bean  
Lisa Beardslee  
Patrick Birkle  
Heather Anderson-Bibler  
Melisa Gaelrun-Maggi

**Members Absent**

Mary Ellen Funderburg, Past Chair  
Amanda Heynemann, Vice Chair  
Leanne Murray, Chair

**Guests**

**Councilors in Attendance**

**Staff Present**

Margaret Jeffries, Library Director  
Dan Dieter, Library Board Secretary

OR

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:23 pm by Member Gaelrun-Maggi.

**INVITATION TO CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** N/A

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Minutes were reviewed. Secretary Dieter noted that the calendar on the last page needed to be updated. Minutes were approved with correction.

**REVIEW OF CITY'S CODE OF ETHICS:** The group discussed and then read aloud the new City Code of Ethics.

**BRIEF DISCUSSION OF INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM:** Group discussion about intellectual freedom. Director Jeffries reported information about the book "George". In a recent Spotlight article, St. Helens School District Superintendent Scot Stockwell gave background information about the Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) competition and how students might participate. Scappoose School District is voting tonight at their monthly School Board Meeting on whether or not to remove the book from the OBOB reading list. Member Bean read the book and felt that there were a few lines that were perhaps not appropriate for a nine year old, but the team can have another member read the book and still compete. The group discussed the difference between a public library and a school library in regard to acting on a parent's behalf. A public library

does not act on behalf of a parent, but our library requires written parent permission for children to use the Internet, and a juvenile library card doesn't allow movie checkouts. The group looked at the *Library Bill of Rights* and the *Freedom to Read* Statement (available on the American Library Association (ALA) website). If parents want to guide the choices for their children at public libraries, they need to come into the library with them. Director Jeffries stated that the library needs a balanced collection and this means adding material to the collection that expresses alternate views.

**JOINT WASHINGTON / OREGON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE:**

Director Jeffries reported that there may be some opportunity for Library Board members to attend the Washington / Oregon Library Association Conference this spring. There are a few offerings that might provide a valuable learning opportunity for workgroup members. Member Gaelrun-Maggi wanted to know if members should just go to the website to sign up. Director Jeffries suggested that members who were interested should let her know and the member could be signed up through the Library.

**UPDATES FROM WORKING GROUPS:** Member Anderson-Bibler reported that the Community Partner Workgroup met and decided to keep pursuing adult literacy availability. There were some questions developed into a survey that would allow workgroup members to ask our community partners what level of interest there might be in participating in a potential future program.

Director Jeffries stated that there is some funding available for the Facilities Workgroup from the original sale of the old library building.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Director Jeffries reported that City Councilors have not been assigned as yet, therefore we do not have one assigned to the Library. There is an indication that these assignments will happen after an upcoming Councilor's retreat in about a month. Each department will be surveyed and the results will be part of the decision as to who will be assigned to which department. At the February 6th City Council meeting, goals will be voted on, which should include the assignments.

Director Jeffries reported that the Scappoose project is moving along. The Scappoose Library recently added the 'e-book' offerings that are available and those are now showing on the online catalog. Upcoming dates for St. Helens Public Library staff to work at the Scappoose Library (and vice-versa) were posted in the local papers. Staff will be available to sign patrons up for Passport Cards. As the project moves forward, we are working on naming conventions that will help clarify searching for materials through the online catalog.

Director Jeffries reported that there are a number of important dates that Board Members should be aware of. There will be a Library Book Club meeting on January 31. There will be an Altered Book Art Show for the whole month of February, a Conversation Project event on February 12, and a MakerFest on February 23. There will be a Library Book Club meeting on March 21. There will be a Library Recognition

Dinner on April 5, a City Volunteer Recognition Event on April 11, the WLA/OLA conference from March 18 through March 20, and the Columbia County Reads event on April 26.

Director Jeffries stated that the new intern that was hired through the STEM grant will start January 17.

**CITY COUNCILOR'S REPORT:**

N/A

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:** Member Birkle encouraged Board Members to attend the City budget meetings. The group discussed the upcoming Library Book Club meeting. Member Gaelrun-Maggi stated that she will bring something as an appropriate treat.

**SUMMARIZE ACTION ITEMS:** Member Gaelrun-Maggi stated that board members should get back to Director Jeffries with their choices for WLA/OLA Conference workshops. The group discussed the idea of finding ways to attend together, and also the importance of taking notes that can be shared with staff.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:15 p.m. in the Columbia Center Auditorium.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Member Gaelrun-Maggi adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm

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Respectfully submitted by:

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Library Board Secretary, Dan Dieter

## 2018-2019 Library Board Attendance Record

*P=Present E=Excused Absence U=Unexcused Absence*

Date	Anderson-Bibler	Bean	Beardslee	Birkle	Funderburg	Gaelrun-Maggi	Heynemann	Murray	VACANT
07-19-2018	<b>CANCELLED</b>								
08-23-2018	P				P	E	P	P	
09-18-2018	P				P	P	P	P	
10-16-2018	P				P	P	P	E	
11-13-2018	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
12-11-2018	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
01-14-2019	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	E	
02-11-2019									
03-11-2019									
04-8-2019									
05-13-2019									
06-10-2019									