

FORT VANCOUVER REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Public Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2022 – Vancouver Community Library/Hybrid Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Higgins called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ATTENDEES:

Board Members Present: Jane Higgins, Megan Dugan, Penny Love-Henslee, Kristy Morgan, Olga Hodges

Board Members Excused: Vikram Kotwani, Mary Ann Duncan-Cole

Administrative Team: Amelia Shelley, Executive Director; Mary Abler, Deputy Director; Lynne Caldwell, Collection & Technology Services Director; Justin Keeler, Outreach & Community Partnerships Director; Tak Kendrick, Communications & Marketing Director; Special Guests: Blake Kincaid, Acting Branch Manager; Rick Smithrud, FVRL Foundation Director; Recording: Sami Bretherton, Executive Assistant

2. AGENDA

Agenda was amended to reflect that Amelia Shelley will deliver the November Financial report in place of Attar Bhargal.

MOTION: Kristy Morgan moved and Penny Love-Henslee seconded approval of the amended agenda. The motion carried via roll call.

3. CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amelia Shelley thanked Jane Higgins for her 14 years of service to FVRL and presented her with a commemorative gift. Higgins thanked Shelley and welcomed the audience to the meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Written comments in support of inclusive programming in the library: Madeline Kearney, Trista Ueckert, Kattie Gardner, Nigel, Shelly Williams, Kelsi Gilkey, Alan Taylor, Rachel Brooks, Ryan Tashma, Tessa Snow, Valerie Steele, League of Women Voters, Erin Stepanek, Laura Duerr, Michael Beanland, Anna Hansen, Andrew Brown, Stephanie Kay, Megan Hight, Brian Wilga, Ann Karr, Heather Troupe, Patrick Catacutan, Kaaren Spanski-Dreffin, Jesse LeGault, Kelley Pearce, Susan Tracy, Kyle La Hara, Lindsey Justice, Nathan Palmer, Aaron Bird, Megan Justice, Carol Fisher, Mark Hasse, Sam Buechler, Tommy Ortale, Renny Christopher, Zachary Justice, Sam Lohmann

Written comments against Drag Queen Story Hour (DQSH) programs in the library: Sharon Benson, Terrance Popravak, Melinda Stenersen, Marisa Lee, Lori Judkins, David Funk, Virginia Griffiths, WA Citizens for Responsible Government (Chuck Miller), Larisa Damian, Dr. Greg Rominem, Gracie Brannock, Emily, Allison Cooper, Rita Scott, Anna, Leisel Spafford, Gary Wilson, Laura Cherrington, Donny Cherrington, Jim Roberts, Julie Martin, Michele ReMillard, Tina Swab, Valerie Anderson, Dawn Land, KS Taylor Anderson

In person comments in support of inclusive programming in the library: Ash DeBuse, Leah Kooiman, Janet Hedgepath, Sarah Blanchette, Wendi, Kattie Gardner, Wendy Wick, Julie Bristol, Jessica Cole, Darrell Haynes, Megan VanRees, Patt Doyle, Monica Garcia, Julia Leyes, Jamie Bair, Autumn Yothers, Esmeralda Garcia, Colleen Saylor, Heather Kahl, Quill Onstead, Kat North, Karl Bonner, Kati Emerick

In person comments against Drag Queen Story Hour (DQSH) programs in the library: Randy Schmidt, Phil Kronenbusch, Dawn Seaver, Karina Rocha

5. **REPORTS**

5.1 FVRL Organizational Report, Administrative Team

The Administrative team updated the Board on their work and projects.

5.2 Branch Report: Vancouver Community Library, Blake Kincaid

Kincaid reported on the Vancouver Community Library activities for the past year.

5.3 November Financial Statements, Amelia Shelley

Shelley shared an overview of the November revenues and expenses.

5.4 FVRL Foundation Report, Rick Smithrud

Smithrud reviewed the events of the Foundation.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

6.1 Minutes Approval – November 14, 2022 meeting

6.2 Minutes Approval – December 5, 2022 meeting

6.3 FVRL Expenditure Approval: Reviewed by Penny Love-Henslee

6.4 Placement of New Library Facilities Policy

MOTION: Penny Love-Henslee moved and Kristy Morgan seconded approval of the consent agenda. The motion carried via roll call.

7. **BUSINESS**

7.1 Finance Committee

Public Hearing: 2023 Budget Approval

Shelley presented information on the 2023 Budget prior to calling for comments.

MOTION: Megan Dugan moved and Penny Love-Henslee seconded the opening of the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously via roll call.

No public comments were received.

MOTION: Megan Dugan moved and Penny Love-Henslee seconded closing the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously via roll call.

Resolution 2022-26 (2023-02)

MOTION: Kristy Morgan moved and Penny Love-Henslee seconded approval of Resolution 2022-26 (2023-02). The motion carried unanimously via roll call.

7.2 Policy Committee: Collection Policy (~~second reading~~) (First reading)

This is actually the first reading of this policy. Discussion on the use of “accuracy” as a criteria for selection. Shelley reviewed the changes to the collection policy. This item will be on the January meeting agenda for a second reading.

7.3 Foundation Memorandum of Understanding

Both the FVRL Foundation and FVRL Board Members discussed the MOU changes and will continue the discussion at the January 2023 meeting.

7.4 FVRL Board Meeting Schedule

The 2023 Board Meeting Schedule was approved.

7.5 Election of 2023 Board Officers

Nominations are: Kristy Morgan, Chair; Megan Dugan, Vice Chair; and Mary Ann Duncan-Cole, Secretary.

MOTION: Penny Love-Henslee moved and Olga Hodges seconded the election of the 2023 Board Officers. The motion carried unanimously via roll call.

7.6 Board Responsibilities and Logistics - Due to time limits, this item was postponed to the January 2023 meeting.

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Amelia Shelley welcomed Marie Coffey to the Board. She will begin her term in January.

Penny Love-Henslee made this statement to the public: *"I am sorry to see the increasing angst and anxiety during the public comments. I understand the Board of Trustee Bylaws and Ethics. I make my own decisions according to both documents and Washington State laws. My decisions are not controlled by anyone or by any group."*

Kristy Morgan agreed with Love-Henslee’s comment and think the board members are changing well.

Olga Hodges appreciated the sharing in a public setting. She stated “If someone says something, it doesn’t mean it’s true. No one here wants to ban books.”

9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 17, 2023 (Cascade Park Community Library/Zoom)

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Approved:

Kristy Morgan

Kristy Morgan (Jan 18, 2023 15:15 PST)

Kristy Morgan, Chair

Date

Megan Dugan

Megan Dugan (Jan 18, 2023 11:03 PST)

Megan Dugan, Vice Chair

Date