



## MINUTES

Henderson District Public Libraries

Board of Trustees

Date: March 15, 2018

Time: 7:45 a.m.

Place: Paseo Verde Library, 280 S. Green Valley Pkwy., Henderson, Nevada

*Notice is given that items on the agenda may be taken out of order. Two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration; items may be removed from the agenda or discussion delayed relating to an item on the agenda at any time.*

### Call to Order

Board chair, Mark McGinty, called the meeting to order at 7:46 a.m.

### Roll Call

Board present: Cindy Herman, Mark McGinty, Kip Noschese, David Ortlipp, Bette Silverman

Board absent: Jim Frey

Staff present: Dana Bullinger, Lauren Dahlgren, Debbie Englund, Joy Gunn, Sean Hill, Gayle Hornaday, Candace Kingsley, Lisa Phelan, Stephen Platt, Marcie Smedley, Christina Terriquez, Leona Vittum-Jones

Others present: None

### Approval of Agenda

Cindy Herman made a motion to approve the agenda. Bette Silverman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### Consent Agenda

These items are not expected to be controversial and will be considered together and approved in a single motion. Any person desiring to remove an item for separate consideration should so request before approval of the agenda. Items pulled from the Consent Agenda will be considered separately. All other consent items will be approved as one item.

#### CA-1 Approval of Minutes

February 15, 2018

#### CA-2 Review of Paid Invoices

February 2018

Cindy Herman made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Bette Silverman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### Director's Report

*Possible Board discussion of the Director's report or various staff reports highlighting various administrative and staff activities since the last meeting.*

Leona Vittum-Jones, Youth Services Head at the Gibson Library, reported that Nevada Reading week was February 28 - March 2; the theme was *Reading is a Voyage*. Gibson Library and Green Valley Library staff visited 15 elementary schools and read to 971 students. Including a few of the Nevada Reading Week events (a health fair, Spread the Word Nevada volunteering and literacy night), staff reached 1,116 students. Marcie Smedley said it is an important week and thanked the librarians and staff for participating in Nevada Reading Week and reaching so many students. Mark McGinty said staff did a good job.

Christina Terriquez, Green Valley Library Teen Services Librarian represented the Mini Con committee to report on the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mini Con held March 3, 2018 at the Gibson Library from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The other members of the committee are: Heela Naqshband, Social Media Librarian; Rachele Basso, Green Valley Library Adult Services Librarian; Juan Renteria, Green Valley Adult Services Specialist; Marsha` Baggett, Gibson Library Adult Services Specialist; and Lauren Meza, Gibson Library Circulation Specialist. The flyer in the board packet lists vendors and programs. Highlights include a cos play [costume play] contest; a special effects make up demo, made possible by Gracie McDonough's (Youth Services Specialist at Green Valley Library) connections in the Cirque world; Dragon Ball Fighterz Tournament, made possible by Bassem Dahdouh (Emilee Wirshing's husband) who does that for a living. He was kind and generous enough to put on the tournament. There was also a live recording of Geek Shock Podcast, participating for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Christina Terriquez knew the podcast crew when she worked at Star Trek: the

Experience and said they are great participants and easy to work with. Marsha` Baggett, Gibson Library Adult Services Specialist, held her Graphic Novel Book Club (normally held the last Saturday of the month) during the event. There was a live band, Bogtrotters Union, and a last minute food truck, 50 Shades of Green. The food truck featured salads and burgers. Aside from having to move indoors due to the weather, about an hour into the event, everything went great. Christina Terriquez said Gibson Library Manager Candace Kingsley attended all planning meetings and was flexible in allowing the event to take over the library. Gibson Library staff were super helpful in making everything work from set up to take down. Bette Silverman said the flyer is great. Christina Terriquez said Heela Naqshband created the flyer. Marcie Smedley said the Mini Con is a fun event, bringing a different crowd into the library and giving the library a wider reach through participants' social media; it is great publicity for the library district. Christina Terriquez said, despite the weather, about 400 people attended. Marcie Smedley said there was a lot of hustle and bustle and thanked Christina Terriquez and the Mini Con committee for the hard work.

Marcie Smedley said the Local Author Showcase is at the Paseo Verde Library from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 17, 2018. First author session is 10-11:30; Robyn Carr's presentation will be from 12-1:00 p.m. The second author session will be from 1-2:30. The author sessions feature local authors discussing and promoting their books. It is exciting to have Robyn Carr as the featured author. There will be a report at the next board meeting. The board was invited to stop by.

At their March 20, 2018 meeting, the Clark County Board of Commissioners will appoint a new trustee to Henderson Libraries board.

#### **Public Comment**

*Note: Comment will be taken on each agenda item as it is heard. Pursuant to Nevada's Open Meeting Law, action may not be taken on matters presented during this period until included on an agenda as an action item.*

Kip Noschese suggested, with the student walk out yesterday, the board look at library policies regarding firearms. Last March, Senate Bill 215 proposed amending a previous statute to prevent firearms being carried in the library. Kip Noschese would like to know how to voice the board's opinion louder when that gets re-introduced and goes forward. Mark McGinty asked if the bill was pushed along by the state library lobbyist. Gayle Hornaday said Las Vegas-Clark County Library District and their lobbyist got it started due to an incident in a library, and circulated a petition among other public libraries. Henderson Libraries signed, but many libraries did not. The bill got so far and failed to meet certain deadlines, dying in committee.

Cindy Herman said the district was fortunate to have legal representation already at the legislature that stepped in and assisted with the process to voice Henderson Libraries' support. Cindy Herman penned a letter on behalf of Henderson Libraries Board in support of the bill. Does the district need an active lobbyist? This opens up a conversation to start getting prepared before the 2019 legislative session. Marcie Smedley said a lobbyist has been considered. Marcie Smedley has spoken with folks at the City of Henderson who will share information as well. When bills go into committee, testimony can be given in person, remotely, and in writing. Marcie Smedley is happy to share information about this with the board. Kip Noschese said more information would be great. It is a shame that the topic often turns into a conservative vs. liberal gun issue. It should just be a human issue. Kip Noschese said, in his opinion, a person who carries a gun may have a license, but may not be properly trained. It would make him nervous to be around someone who is open carrying a firearm in the library. The library is a learning institution and there is no place for that. At least Paseo Verde Library is close to the police department. This is a big issue for current times and will need to be addressed going forward.

#### **New Business**

##### **1. Discussion and possible Board action regarding designation of auditor for fiscal year 2018**

Debbie Englund said per regulations, the district must select an auditor by end of the month for the current fiscal year. This is the last year of a 5-year contract with Hinton-Burdick. Next year an RFP [Request for Proposal] will go out requesting bids. Hinton-Burdick raised their fee \$500 to \$19,500 this year. Mark McGinty confirmed the contract allows the increase. Cindy Herman made a motion to approve the designation of Hinton-Burdick as auditor for fiscal year 2018. Kip Noschese and Bette Silverman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Old Business**

**1. Discussion and possible Board action regarding possible sale of the Malcolm Library**

Marcie Smedley said escrow has closed and the money is in the investment account collecting interest. The district received \$931,676.30, after fees. After depreciation, the district made \$17,000 over the original purchase. Mark McGinty said this is good, positive news.

**Announcements**

The next Board meeting will be **April 19, 2018** at the Paseo Verde Library, 280 S. Green Valley Parkway, Henderson, Nevada.

**Public Comment**

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**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 a.m.

*Pursuant to NRS 241.020, written notice of the meeting of Henderson District Public Libraries' Board of Trustees was posted by March 9, 2018, at least three (3) business days before the meeting, including in the notice the time, place, location and agenda of the meeting. Details of the agenda may be obtained by calling Trudy Casey at 702-207-4298.*

Posted at Green Valley Library, James I. Gibson Library, Paseo Verde Library, City of Henderson-City Clerk's Office, and the Henderson Libraries website.