

TOWN OF LOOMIS
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LOOMIS LIBRARY
6050 LIBRARY DRIVE, LOOMIS, CA 95650
MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY

February 8, 2023

6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm by Ligamari.

2. SILENT ROLL CALL

Board Members

Elizabeth Stewart-Black

Juanita Garcia

Nicholas Phirippidis

Joanne Ligamari

Gail Waller

Board members in attendance: Garcia, Ligamari, Phirippidis, Stewart-Black, Waller

Also in attendance: Sarah Comstock, Loomis Librarian

3. SELECTION OF NEW BOARD OFFICERS

Stewart-Black moved to elect Gail Waller as Board Chair for a two-year term; Ligamari seconded the motion.

Ayes: Garcia, Ligamari, Phirippidis, Stewart-Black. Abstained: Waller

Garcia moved to elect Phirippidis as Vice Board Chair. Ligamari seconded the motion.

Ayes: Garcia, Ligamari, Stewart-Black, Waller. Abstained: Phirippidis

4. RECOGNITION OF BOARED MEMBERS

Waller recognized Joanne Ligamari as outgoing Board Chair, thanked her for her service and asked Joanne to continue to attend board meeting as our "library expert."

Sarah Comstock reported that Samantha Mallory has been appointed as a new board member at the March 8 Town Council meeting.

5. MATTERS OF INTEREST TO BOARD MEMBERS

-Garcia reported that a representative from the Master Gardeners is assisting with the Loomis Seed Library.

-Waller is the Library Board representative on the Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden steering committee. She requested Sarah add the Demo Garden Updater to the Library Board agenda each quarter. She also reported PCWA (Placer County Water Agency) is very interested in the project. Gail will also assure that the new garden will be handicap and blind accessible.

-Ligamari stressed the need for Internet Safety – that students learn how to interpret what is true and untrue on social media.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Citizens may address the Library Board on items not on this agenda.

Speakers shall restrict their comments to issues that are within the subject jurisdiction of the Library Board and limit their comments to five (5) minutes per person. The Brown Act, with certain exceptions, does not permit the Library Board to discuss or take action on items that are not listed on the agenda. Please state your name for the record.

Incoming Board Member Samantha Mallory said that schools are cutting off reading help in second grade. She questioned if there is a program available to reading help.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 9,2022 (PUBLIC COMMENT)

The November 9, 2023 Minutes were approved with a correction to item #5, correcting the date of the minutes. No public comment.

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENT (PUBLIC COMMENT)

Sarah Comstock presented the October 31, 2022, financial statements and reported there is nothing out of line. No public comment.

7. FRIENDS OF LOOMIS LIBRARY UPDATE (PUBLIC COMMENT)

The one-week October FOL book sale made \$1,000. Also donated books to the Senior Center. The annual FOL holiday craft fair is scheduled for December 3.

No public comment.

8. CAMPAIGN UPDATE (PUBLIC COMMENT)

Ann Baker updated the board on the status of the campaign. The tri-fold brochure "A promise made, A promise KEPT" Community Report was mailed to Loomis residents in mid-September. 7,000 copies printed; paid for by the Town. It was well received. 2,500 copies sent to unincorporated schools.

Ann reported looking to produce a one-page update next year, to set the stage for the 2024 ballot measure (1/4% sales tax).

No public comment.

9. LOOMIS LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER OPERATIONS REPORT (PUBLIC COMMENT)

*Sarah Comstock reported on activities of the Library during August- October. Four new programs were introduced: Digital Library Information offered the 2nd Thursday for seniors to learn about E-books apps. Japanese Storytime for children (0-5) in Japanese – well attended. Landscape Painting for Artistically Challenged – not well attended, cancelled. Halloween Book Walk & Craft will be offered once a year.

*The library was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the state library for "Zip Book", for patrons to order books from Amazon Prime, shipped to the patron, then added to the library collection. The books must be \$50 or less. The grant period, July 1, 2022, to July 1, 2023.

*The library staff and volunteers will march in the Loomis Day before Thanksgiving parade. The library will be closed: 11/11; 11/14-28; 12/23-1/3.

*Update on Master Gardeners project: There will be a fence and garden will be open when the library is open. Garden Plan is being finalized. A library board is needed to the on the garden steering committee. Gail Waller volunteered.

No public comment.

10. INFORMATIONAL & DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Report from Chris Sebeni on ARSL Conference 2022

Chris Sebeni, Library Clerk, reported on attending the Association for Rural and Small Libraries in Chattanooga, TN September 14-17. The conference was attended by approximately 300 small libraries from across the county. Chris reported on sessions he attended, and said he found the Loomis Library is in good shape compared to other small libraries.

11. LIBRARY BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

*Update Strategic Plan

*Building Plan

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be February 8, 2023.