

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, 2023. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT (PUBLIC COMMENT)

Sarah Comstock presented the January 31, 2023, financial statements and reported there is nothing out of line. And salaries and wages are underbudget,
No public comment.

9. FRIENDS OF LOOMIS LIBRARY UPDATE (PUBLIC COMMENT)

Jean Wilson and Jenny Knisley reported on activities of the Friends of the Loomis Library (FOLL). The group approved \$250 for the Seed Library. The Fall Book Sale earned \$1,000 and \$700 in January. The Holiday Craft Fair earned \$1,000. The sale of used books averages about \$100 per month. In 2022, the FOLL donated \$3,000 in new books for the library.
No public comment.

10. CAMPAIGN UPDATE (PUBLIC COMMENT)

Ann Baker updated the board on the status of the campaign. The goal is to get the ¼% cent sales tax on the March 2024 ballot to make the tax permanent. The town will engage the same polling company in the Spring to take the pulse of the community of their feelings on the permanent sales tax and the library. The town will also sponsor another annual Library mailer in August when schools start to increase community awareness. The board discussed that there are many new homeowners in Loomis, and will they vote? There are less than 4,000 residents within the town limits.

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

Sarah Comstock reported on the activities of the Library from November 2022 through January 2023. Circulation is up almost 4,000 in January. The most popular program is Japanese Storytime, along with Digital Library Information offered the 2nd Thursday for seniors to learn about E-books apps. The library participated in November in the Loomis Thanksgiving Parade.

Sarah celebrated her fifth anniversary as the Loomis Librarian. She said the library produced an Infographic, a recap of 2022 highlights. The library has 18 State Park Admission and Parking Passes to loan out. The Japanese Remembrance Committee is going forward without the library and will host a Japanese Film Festival on May 11. The library will bring back the LEGO Club, which is very popular. Staff is looking forward to the summer reading program, June 17 – July 27. This year's theme will be "Find Your Voice." There will be no programming in August. And the Zip Book Program is going slow and will end July 1, 2023.
No public comment.

12. INFORMATIONAL & DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Strategic Plan is close to expiring. Sarah said the Town would pay for an outside consultant to assist the board and community in developing a new plan. Waller suggested we contact Jenny Sweeney to see if she is available to help us again. The board agreed the new Demonstration Garden needs to be part of the new strategic plan. Sarah said we did accomplish 90% of the old plan in spite of 2 ½ year during the COVID shutdown.

13. LIBRARY BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Update Strategic Plan
Master Gardeners presentation on May agenda

14. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm
The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be on May 10, 2023.