Carrollton Public Library Board Minutes for April 03, 2023

Members Present:

Isam Abousaid, Chair

Viccy Kemp

Elizabeth Blake-Hedges

Sem Habtemariam

Linda Villemarette

Janet Koslovsky

Rajiv Shenoy

Shana Garrett

Joanna Cattanach, Alternate

Members Absent:

Rosario Klier

Visitors Present:

Adam Polter, C. Observer

Staff Present:

Jonathan Scheu, Library Dir. Rachel Young, Branch Mgr.

Lynette Jones, Branch Mgr.

Meeting Minutes

- 1. CALL TO ORDER Chairperson, Isam Abousaid, called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES The January 9, 2023 meeting minutes were approved as submitted. Motion made by Linda Villemarette, seconded by Viccy Kemp, and passed unanimously.
- 3. UPDATE ON VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT Branch Manager, Rachel Young, presented an update on library volunteer engagement. Ms. Young described the various volunteer opportunities available at the library and the methods currently in use to attract and retain volunteers.

Discussion included opportunities to expand the library's outreach via the website and possible newsletters. Board members also inquired about the potential to expand current volunteer management and appreciation efforts at a citywide level.

- 4. UPDATE OF LIBRARY GOALS Library Director, Jonathan Scheu, presented an update of the Library's 2024 departmental goals and objectives. The updated goals and objectives included feedback gained from previous Library Board discussions regarding areas of interest and opportunity for the Library including; enhanced databases and resources for workforce development and adult reference, more programming in additional languages, potential for a library app, and shared reading experiences such as a community read-in.
- 5. STAFF REPORTS Library Director, Jonathan Scheu, presented the Library Performance Dashboard reports for December 2022 February 2023. Changes and revisions were explained and new trends identified for increased focus and observation going forward.

Branch Manager, Rachel Young, presented upcoming library programming for the spring/summer of 2023 including the 2023 Summer Reading Challenge.

Branch Manager, Lynette Jones, provided an update on efforts to hire several part time Library Techs and Access Service Assistants.

- 6. POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION Board members were encouraged to communicate additional ideas that occur outside of meetings to Jonathan Scheu or Isam Abousaid directly. This item will be carried over to July's agenda for further discussion.
- 7. ADJOURN Isam Abousaid, requested a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Elizabeth Blake-Hedges, seconded by Rajiv Shenoy, and passed unanimously at 7:25 p.m. The next meeting will be July 17, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Isam Abousaid,

Chairperson

Library Director