

Washington District Library Board met on October 12, 2021, and was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Linda Fitzgerald.

Members present: Joann Bailey, Deb Dukes, Stacey Morris, Joan Ruppman, Stacy Smith, Shelby Yocum, and Linda Fitzgerald.

Also present: Lexie Walsh (Director), and Ali Dixon (Recording Secretary)

Recognition of visitors: Sherrill Arnold, Cindy & Isaac Miller, Austin & Jamie Carr, Lisa Koski, Mhairi Doty, Susan Kellerstrass, Lorena Cary, Terry Chandler, Bill Vericker, Larry & Terry Matthews, Brenda & Dave Reither, Kathy Siebert, Barb Appleby, Marlee Scott, Lois Ostanik, Patty Kwearm, Sue Elder, Carolyn Dolton, Elise Rothfusz, Vickie Hinkle, Ron & Cindy Hawote, Beth Unsicker, Chad Allman, Barb Baxter, Linda Pratt, Carol Daggs, Sharon Gates, Sue Freeberg, Joyce Brooks, Anita Hess, Betty Laughlin, Patty Lehr, Pat England & Mike McGraw, Kris Meier, Broshia Andrews, Pam Tomka, Kathleen Wunder, Shelly Rapp, Jeff Giebelhuvsen, and Barb Childers.

Discussion of Potential Branch Closure**

Linda Fitzgerald made an opening comment welcoming all visitors and thanking them for their commitment to the library. She briefly reviewed the purpose of the forum and turned the floor over to Lexie Walsh. Lexie presented the findings of the Branch Committee and the Branch survey.

Submit Questions in Writing

All attendees were given slips of paper at the beginning of the meeting upon which to write their questions and/or statements so they could be submitted for reading or answering. Questions were regularly collected throughout the meeting and more questions slips were distributed as needed. Each submitted question was allowed one follow up question and each attendee was limited to three minutes total speaking time to ensure that everyone was given a chance to speak in the allotted time.

Answer Submitted Questions

Lexie Walsh read all questions and statements aloud. They were then answered by either Lexie or a member of the board. Questions over the following general topics were asked and answered:

- The purpose of the current discussion
- What prompted this discussion
- Options/alternatives
- Statistical comparisons & compilations
- What comes next/future steps
- Community involvement

A break was taken at 8:00 p.m., allowing attendees to submit final questions. The meeting resumed 8:15 p.m.



Board Comment

Linda Fitzgerald asked if anyone present would be interested in participating in a committee made up of trustees and members of the community to further discuss the future of the Sunnyland Branch. All volunteers were asked to indicate their interest on the sign-in sheet.

Adjourn

Stacey Morris made a motion to adjourn. Deb Dukes seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Ali Dixon (Recording Secretary)

Shelby Yocum (Secretary)

***additional documents and infographics available upon request.*