

Smithfield Public Library
Board Meeting
March 16 2022

Attending: Marilyn Benavidas, Bill Emmett, April Godderidge, Kathy Toolson, Todd Durrant, and Wade.

Welcome: Bill welcomed board members. Reviewed minutes from January 19th, 2022, which were accepted.

"Blind Date with a Book" went well. April and Eric were both winners, despite that Louis L'amour was one of the books. 60 Entries and everybody got a prize. Everybody seemed to enjoy it and look forward to it again.

Dr Seuss Day came up so the library ordered a Cat in the Hat from Amazon and patrons who found little cats hidden around the library were entered to win the cat.

Marilyn shared the internet policy, which we need to read and suggest any changes that we feel are necessary. We'll share those change ideas in the next meeting in May. There is also a general library policy to review. There are a couple of new additions to the policies. Committee will review those policies.

Book sale in front of the library during the Health Days parade again (setup at 8:30AM). The parade will be on May 14th. We will have a truck with a sign celebrating the 100th anniversary of the library. We have a lot of books to sell so we can do \$1 per book, buy one get one free. Bill might be able to drive his Ford Ranger in the parade (May 14th). He'll brainstorm on ideas for the truck, possibly advertising the book sale. Amber Bingham (Eric's wife) might be able to get some youth to ride in the back of the truck and throw candy.

Possibly an open-house with a cake during the week for Health Days to celebrate the library's 100th anniversary. Maybe a time capsule? Maybe have a little written history of the library for visitors to see and learn?

Library Week is April 3rd-9th. In May it is "Preservation Month" and this year the state library is recognizing the 16 Carnegie libraries still standing in Utah. Smithfield is one of those libraries. They will provide us with posters and bookmarks that we can have during April. A couple patrons wrote "what the library means to me" which will be submitted to the state. There will be a pre-written press release that will be released to the newspapers.

Tuesday the 22nd of March, Marilyn will meet with a lady that takes care of folklore and history. She will conduct an interview about the history of the library that will be submitted to the state. A youth went up in the attic of the library and found the minute books from when Smithfield was first submitting an application to Carnegie to get the \$12000 to start the Smithfield Library. The

land was donated by the Smithfield 2nd Ward. So, we do have some history of how the library came about.

We'll request \$250 from the city (Wade) budget for the open house cake and parade candy. We may need to shoot for September for the open house-- April Godderidge will head up the cake and balloons for the open house. Kathy will see if she can get a harpist to play during the open house, for about an hour. Maybe we tell people about the paintings in the library, possibly working with Chad Downs on that historical content. The Historical Society might have something (Todd can talk to Jeff Gittens about it).

We'll meet again in May (19th) and June. We'll work on solidifying the open house and how to advertise it on social media, with Logan media group, etc. Karen knows a place that makes a picture of the library into a puzzle. We could do that as a project for the kids to work on.

We set the dates for the new "Smart Steps" which will be April 16th - June 4th. The City can start pushing it as well. Sign up on the extension service at USU or on the Library website. Utah State will also do some advertising.

New shelves are expected March 21st. We hope they're the right size this time.