

Minutes of the Enumclaw Library Board Meeting (Virtual meeting)

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Present: Richard Elfers, John Knowlton, Sandy Kanaga, Mike Thompson. Ann Armstrong and Carla Hopkins

Guests: Steven Bailey, Laurie Finlayson and Chris Mezerk (KCLS)

Minutes: The Board met via Zoom. A motion by John Knowlton to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, February 3, 2021 meeting and was seconded by Sandy Kanaga.. Motion passed unanimously.

Library re-open: Chris Merzerk reported that Curbside Pickup is still working well. The modification of the interior of the library to COVID standards will soon be finished – Chris guesses the Enumclaw library may open in April.

LaFromboise funds: Steven Bailey suggested the purchase of basic video equipment, to be utilized by public school students as part of video classes, college students learning about video presentations, and prospective and established local business owners who wish to make video presentations for various internet platforms. Since patrons won't be able to use the library building when creating their videos (COVID restrictions), John Knowlton suggested that the Enumclaw Library explore using rooms at the GRCC building in downtown Enumclaw until library facilities are ready. Rich requested that Steven put together a draft proposal for the LAB members to look at in April. If approved, LAB would take this proposal to the City Council to ask for funds. Carla added that at this time, KCLS is not fully staffed because of no new hires, and the remaining staff are fully engaged in re-opening projects. Rich reassured LAB members that this project will proceed at a pace commensurate with current KCLS staff responsibilities.

Census: Because of the lengthy discussion about the LaFromboise funds, Rich suggested that LAB look at the census data at the next meeting. LAB members agreed.

Laurie Finlayson – Digital Equity Grant: Laurie introduced herself and said she would be working at the Enumclaw Library in the near future. She reported that KCLS received money for the referenced grant. The general purpose of the grant is to offer digital opportunities to library patrons who don't have computers or other internet means to contact community service providers, e.g., doctors, dentists, social services, etc. via Tele-Connect. A future trial project will start with one patron being able to connect with one doctor using equipment at the library. Sandy requested Laurie forward a fact sheet about this interesting opportunity to LAB. Ann added that this service might be very helpful to POM clients.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 7 at 6pm.