

Provo City Library Board of Directors  
MINUTES  
March 9, 2022

IN ATTENDANCE

LIBRARY BOARD

Megen Pectol (Chair)  
Rebecca Burton  
Cindy Gagon  
Julie Nichols  
Jen Bruton  
Karen Salmon

ABSENT

Ally Condie  
Allyssa Pike  
David Shipley

LIBRARY STAFF

Gene Nelson, Director  
Carla Gordon, Asst. Director of  
Library Operations  
Cindy Roe, Executive Assistant  
Joella Bagshaw, Childrens  
Services Mngr  
Erika Hill, Community Relations  
Mngr

GUESTS

Emily Peterson  
Abby McAbee

Meeting began at 4:00 p.m. in the Library Board Room.

**I. Welcome – Chairperson**

- A. Jen motioned to approve the minutes, Julie seconded the motion. January minutes were approved by unanimous vote.
- B. Christmas dinner was nice. Jen went to the Handbell Ringer activity. Megen went up to the attic for Toyland, and said it was fantastic.

**II. Library Director’s Report - Gene Nelson**

- A. Gene thanked those that attended the Valentine’s Ball and gave a report on the event. The event went well and was sold out. He reported on the Kite Sisters author event we had the previous Monday and how it was a great success. The Saturday previous, we had our annual Fairy Tea and it was a huge success. We had almost 1000 people attend over 5 sessions. It was Gene’s last year as the Fairy King before retiring. Upcoming events include the Teen Author event March 25 and the Children’s Book Festival on May 7.

**III. Action Items**

- A. Internet and Online Access Policy Compliance – Every three years the library board is required to review and the internet and online access policy in order for our library to get access to funding from the Utah State Library. Julie motioned to approve the policy and Cindy seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**IV. Discussion Items**

- A. Proposal Regarding Abraham O. Smoot Statue – Two BYU students, Emily Peterson and Abby McAbee, showed a slide presentation about the Smoot statue that is in the Academy side of the library. The two students proposed the rewriting the plaque that goes next to the statue to include a fuller picture of who Smoot was, including that he was a slave owner. The Board decided to appoint a subcommittee to do more research on the matter, including talking to the Smoot family and seeing what can be done. The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 4:00pm.