

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING January 28, 2009

Present: Janet Dalgaard, Greg DiLoreto, Kathy Graef, Sterling James, Tom Miller, Pam North, Mary Jo Steele

Staff: Christine Siegel and Joanna Campa

Absent: Tina Decker, (*excused*), James Milne (*excused*)

Library Vice Chair Greg DiLoreto called the meeting to order at 5:48pm.

Minutes Approval: Sterling James moved to approve the December minutes. **Tom Miller seconded** the motion. The motion **passed 7:0**.

Library Director Report:

Library Director Siegel stated that the library was closed for six days and closed early two days as a result of the December snow storm. Materials were checked-in with fines exempt during this period. Ms. Siegel said it was difficult to get the parking lot plowed for public access, since City crews were overloaded just plowing streets. She discussed the possibility of investigating use of a private contractor should we have an event of this magnitude again. Ms Siegel said the Parks department was a great help in sending staff to shovel the walks and library entrances.

Monday night the library hosted a popular program featuring local author Cornelia Seigneur discussing her book on local history, *Images of America: West Linn*.

Ms. Siegel showed the board a donated "thunderegg", technically a rock "bubble" structure which occurs in rock. She noted the library currently has "thundereggs" collected from several sites in Oregon on display. Designated the official state rock in 1964, the thunderegg is the most popular rock in Oregon.

Ms. Siegel discussed the statewide "Oregon Reads" program. Library communities will be participating in a statewide reading initiative as part of the Oregon 150 birthday celebration. West Linn Reads will take place in February and feature three books. The adult title is *Stubborn Twig*, the teen title is *Bat 6*, and the children's title is *Apples to Oregon*. Ms. Siegel distributed a calendar of events for the program.

Ms. Siegel distributed the proposed changes to the Municipal Code, which will be presented to City Council for approval.

Ms. Siegel then discussed strategic planning and distributed a handout on library strategic planning. She asked the board to review the materials before the next board meeting. She would like the board to begin preparing a long range strategic plan for the library. Mr. DiLoreto suggested having a special meeting to discuss the strategic planning process.

Friends of the Library Report

Janet Dalgaard stated that the Friends are doing fine, but they could use some more volunteers. It was suggested that a job listing be put up on the Library website. Janet stated that she would get Ms. Siegel a job description for the volunteer positions. Ms. Siegel asked that the Friends consider donating to the Estacada library. The library lost all materials shelved on bottom shelves, when the library was flooded during the recent storm. She stated that they will be looking for donations at some point to replace those titles. Some libraries Friends groups have sent monetary donations. Ms. Daalgard stated she would bring this up at the next Friends meeting.

New Business:

Election of 2009 Library Board Chair and Vice Chair – Mr. DiLoreto called for nominations for the Library Board Chair. **Mr. Miller moved to nominate** Tina Decker for Chair. **Ms. Dalgaard seconded** the motion. The motion **passed 7:0**. Mr. DiLoreto called for nominations for the Library Board Vice Chair. **Mr. Miller moved to nominate** Greg DiLoreto for Vice Chair. **Ms. Dalgaard seconded** the motion. The motion **passed 7:0**.

Review / Prioritize 2009 Goals – Ms. Siegel went over the goals and accomplishments that will be presented in the Annual Report to the City Council. Board members were emailed a copy of the PowerPoint that Chair Decker will present.

Budget – Mr. DiLoreto asked Ms. Siegel if she had started work on next year's budget and how that was looking with the library district in place. Ms. Siegel stated that the process hasn't started yet. Chris Jordan, City Manager, is very supportive of the library. When the intergovernmental agreement for the library district is finalized, we will have budget numbers for our distribution of funds per West Linn's assessed value and collection rates. The board then discussed the importance of a strong library in this difficult economy.

There being no further business, Vice Chair DiLoreto adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanna Campa
Recording Secretary