

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

December 10, 2008

Present: Janet Dalgaard, Tina Decker, Greg DiLoreto, Kathy Graef, Sterling James, James Milne, Tom Miller, Mary Jo Steele (6:15 pm)

Staff: Christine Siegel and Joanna Campa

Library Chair Tina Decker called the meeting to order at 5:51pm.

Minutes Approval: Tom Miller moved to approve the November minutes. Janet Daalgard seconded the motion. The motion passed 8:0.

Library Director Report:

Library Director Christine Siegel shared a comment card that read, "This is arguably the best library in the five county area."

The proposed office building at 5750 Hood Street has been remanded by the State Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). The hearing is scheduled on December 22, 2008.

The "Cooperative Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Library District of Clackamas County and Member Cities" is being drafted and will be finalized, thereby creating the Library Service District approved by the voters in the November election. Ms. Siegel informed the board that West Linn has asked to be moved up in the capital distribution schedule and is expected to receive capital funds in the first distribution round.

Ms. Siegel shared the individual precinct reports for the library district ballot measure. Overall, West Linn passed the district with a 60 percent yes vote. She then presented statistics showing that if our circulation numbers continue to increase at the present rate, we will finish the fiscal year with an 11.2 percent increase in circulation. Currently, West Linn is showing the highest increases in circulation in Clackamas County.

Ms. Siegel thanked Mr. DiLoreto for bringing a Public Library Innovation Grant opportunity from the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) to her attention. She stated she is working with the City Manager's office on an appropriate grant proposal. The intent of the grants is to enable public libraries to join with their City Manager in developing and implementing solutions to challenges specific to the local community.

Friends of the Library Report:

Ms. Daalgard stated that things are going well with the Friends and there is currently an on going holiday sale in the Book Cellar.

Old Business:

Approve Presentation to City Council – Chair Decker distributed a draft of the report she will be presenting to the City Council on December 15th. The Board discussed the report and made some minor revisions.

Holiday Festivities – The Holiday Party is Saturday at 6:30pm. It is being held at Janet Daalgard's home. Janet asked the Board members to bring their favorite dish to the party. Library staff is invited.

New Business:

Thank You Letters to District Campaign Organizers – Chair Decker would like the Board to write thank you letters to those who worked so hard to get the Library District passed. The Board recommended that Chair Decker and Ms. Siegel identify appropriate people and draft letters on behalf of the Library Board.

Announcements:

Ms. Siegel thanked the Friends of the library for decorating the Library for the holidays. The next Board meeting will be held as regularly scheduled on Wednesday, January 28, 2009. There being no further business, Chair Decker adjourned the Library Board meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Campa
Recording Secretary