

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

October 28, 2009

Present: Janet Dalgaard, Tina Decker, Sterling James, Tom Miller, Pam North, and Mary Jo Steele

Staff: Linda Malone and Joanna Campa

Absent: Greg DiLoreto (*excused*), Kathy Graef (*excused*), James Milne (*excused*)

Others Present:

The meeting was called to order at 5:49pm.

Minutes Approval: Janet Dalgaard moved to approve the September minutes. Mary Jo Steele seconded the motion. The motion **passed 5:1**. Tina Decker abstained, as she was not at the meeting.

Library Board Chair Sterling James reminded the Board that if a member cannot attend the Board meeting, please reply to all in response to the meeting reminder email, so the entire Board be informed.

Library Directors Report:

New Haplr ratings – Interim Library Director Linda Malone stated that the new Haplr ratings were released. Last year we were in 3rd, the year before we were 2nd. This year we are 5th, tied with Eugene. Library Journal has released their ratings report and West Linn is number 1 in our budget group in Oregon; however, Lake Oswego was not rated. Both of these reports rely on data compiled in 2006.

Director's Search – Interviews for the Library Director Position are November 3rd. There are four applicants, two males and two females. All applicants are from out of state.

Donations – Ms. Malone stated that we have received \$150 in donations from the Anita Steele Memorial.

Teen Computers – Ms. Malone stated that it has been reported that there have been some patrons viewing inappropriate material on the computers in the Teen area. Staff has been looking at programs that filter these web sites as one option to control this behavior. Other options they've come up with are setting an age limit on the patrons that use the internet computers in the Teen area. The computers are set up by zones, and therefore can be set up to only allow patrons of a certain age to log on. If this were to happen, the internet computers upstairs by the Information desk would be for patron's 19 and over only, with the Teen computers for under the age of 19. The YS area would also give up four computers to the

upstairs Internet area. They are hoping that by limiting by age, it will limit the amount of inappropriate content viewed in that area. Ms. Malone then asked the Board for their input on this issue.

Pam North stated that at the library she works in, parents are responsible for the content their children view on the internet computers. This issue was brought up at her library's Board meeting, and her Board accepted that and put the issue to rest. MJ Steele stated that at the high school, the kids are used to adults walking behind them, looking at what they're viewing when they're on the school's computers. Ms. Malone stated that we don't have the staff to monitor the computers and the YS department has difficulty enforcing this. Ms. Malone would like the computers turned around so the screens could be visible to staff in the office across from those computers. She would also like to have mandatory privacy screens around each screen. Ms. Steele suggested possibly there could be an overlap of ages 14-18 that could use either sets of computers. Ms. Malone has asked Ellen Credle, Youth Services Librarian, to gather some statistics on how other libraries handle this. She would like to present this information to the City Manager to make a decision. Ms. Malone stated she will have the statistics for the Board next month.

Friends of the Library Report:

Ms. Dalgaard reported that almost \$3000 was made at the Friends' book sale. Numbers overall are down so they are unable to buy the blackout curtains for the meeting room. Ms. Dalgaard suggested everyone buy a book from the book cellar to give out instead of giving Christmas cards this year.

New Business:

Referring to the minutes from last month, Ms. Decker asked if the Board needed to decide on a \$5,000-\$10,000 item the library needs, to raise money for. The other Board members stated that they were waiting for the new Library Director to be in place before they moved forward with that.

Board Comments:

Ms. Steele read a thank-you note from Stacy Erickson, West Linn High School librarian. She thanked the Board for the \$50 donation of books from the Friends.

Tom Miller recommended that, because of the holidays coming up, the Board combine the November and December meetings into one. The Board discussed this, and decided that December 2nd would be the date for the next board meeting.

There being no further business, Library Board Chair Sterling James adjourned the meeting 7:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanna Campa
Recording Secretary

