

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Coeur d'Alene Public Library Board of Trustees October 27, 2010

Trustees Present: Kathleen Sayler, Chairman
Steve McCrea
Fay Sweney
Ann Smart

Others:
Ashley Haynes
Bette Ammon, Director

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:05 P.M. by Chairman Sayler.

Consent Calendar: Sweney asked for additional information about the meeting Bette had with immigration officials who are involved with the naturalization process for immigrants. Discussion followed about immigrants in our area and how the library can assist these people and guide them toward information on obtaining citizenship. Motion to approve Consent Calendar, McCrea; second, Smart. Approved.

Friends/Foundation: The Foundation is continuing to work on their Retool Box project. The Friends just elected a new treasurer.

CIN Budget: CIN and ValNet are continuing to meet to work on moving toward a new system. A Request for Qualifications will likely go out soon to appropriate vendors. The groups are waiting for final figures from the Washington Idaho Network to determine how the capital account is distributed. A new joint powers agreement will need to be drafted for the new consortium. Bette noted that any migration is stressful but this could be called happy stress since staff is eager to have a system geared toward public libraries.

Staff update: Discussion followed concerning the death of Suzanne Podrabsky who worked as the library's administrative assistant and board secretary. Suzanne died on October 24 following months of illness; she worked for the library for 18 years and will be sorely missed. Flowers from the Board and staff will be sent to the family. Bette and Sandy Pratt are working on staffing replacements.

Student Input: Ashley talked about making Teen Central more inviting and having activities to draw teens in such as drawings, raffles, contests, scavenger hunts. Discussion followed about the teen video festival, writing competition, and poetry slams hosted by the library in previous years. Flyers and bookmarks about teen services at the library could be distributed through schools. It would be best to have consistent activities every month. Bette will contact Ashley and include other staff to develop some ideas for programs. McCrea wondered if anyone anthologized the writer's competition entries – selecting the very best from each year.

Trustee vacancy: a recommendation that Doug Fagerness be appointed as a library trustee will go to Council on November 2, 2010.

Next Meeting: Decision to combine November and December meetings on December 1 (later revised to December 8, 2010).

Other New Business: McCrea is on the Revamp McKuen Field Committee. He continues to keep the group aware of the amount of traffic coming to the library daily. Sayler attended the ILA conference and the intellectual freedom preconference. In particular she was pleased to note that our policies were ones recommended by the American Library Association. Sayler praised Bette and Sandy for planning an extremely good conference.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by McCrae, seconded by Smart. Adjourned 5:31.

Respectively submitted,
Bette Ammon, library director