



Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Coeur d'Alene Public Library Board of Trustees October 23, 2013

Trustees Present:

Katie Saylor
Steve McCrea
Fay Sweney
Ann Smart
Doug Fagerness

Others:
Michelle Nolan, student rep
Bette Ammon, director

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:04 P.M. by Chairman Saylor.

Consent Calendar: Clarification given on home school programs offered in the Children's Department. Primarily the home school groups are using the craft room for programs open to everyone. Question asked concerning the Freegal streaming video database. Bette noted that she and John Hartung met with the Freegal representative. The price for CIN is \$17,000 so the decision was made not to participate at this time. Motion to approve Consent Calendar, Fagerness; second, McCrea. Approved.

Friends/Foundation: The Friends allocated \$2500 toward funding the Foundation's Lodge of the Storyteller oral history project. They also approved \$750 toward additional shelving in Teen Services. The Foundation hosted a successful fundraiser featuring local aeronautics expert Burt Rutan. They raised \$3000.

Front Street construction: While we were originally informed this project would take 3 weeks, it is unclear when the project will be completed. The city engineer thought it might be finished by the end of October. The Board expressed concern about the dangerous conditions surrounding the 7th Street entrance with people climbing over rocks and pipes to get to the library.

Student Representative: Michelle spoke about the problem with smoking in front of the library. She noted that the signage was small and smokers often are closer than the 20 feet called out on the sign. Michelle realizes library staff cannot patrol the area so she suggested more prominently displayed signage and benches farther away from the library with ashtrays. She is willing to fund raise to make this happen, possibly asking the CdA Vision 2030 committee for funds. Discussion followed about previous discussions Bette has had with the city department heads about banning smoking on the library campus. While this doesn't seem to be an option now, she will look into a covered bench located farther away from the library entrance and more prominent signage (perhaps a designated smoking area). Steve suggested that Michelle give this same excellent presentation to city council during public comment.

An alternate student representative may be appointed to the board at the November 5 council meeting.

Annual statistics: An examination of the statistics for Fiscal year 2013 revealed a decrease in interlibrary loan borrowing and loaning which is likely due to ongoing collection development in our

library. Katie noted that the ILL staff are extremely helpful and efficient. CIN loaning and borrowing is up dramatically which is a reflection of the patron-friendly Koha system. Holds placed were up 29% - nearly 35,000 holds were placed this last year. Programming statistics continue to climb with a remarkable 602% increase in young adult program attendance.

Personnel information: Deputy director Sandy Pratt is postponing her retirement until July, 2014. All agree this is great for the library. Two new library clerks started this month – Danielle Grundel and Rebecca Hardin. Library clerk Olive Allison resigned and interviews for her replacement are scheduled this week.

Next meeting: December 11, 2013, 4 p.m. (combining November and December meetings)

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn, Smart; second, McCrea. Adjourned 5:10 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Bette Ammon