



Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Coeur d'Alene Public Library Board of Trustees August 27, 2014

Trustees Present:

Katie Sayler
Fay Sweney

Doug Fagerness
Ann Smart via Facetime

Others:

Kiki Miller, liaison
Susan Thorpe, Children's librarian

Cassidee Smidt, student rep
Bette Ammon, director

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

Consent Calendar: The Board noted their appreciation to Susan for her efforts in outreach in the community. She agreed that it's important to the library and very worthwhile. Motion to approve Consent Calendar, Fagerness. Approved.

Friends/Foundation: Friends allocated \$300 for Banned Books Week programs and voted to support the \$20/week charge to have LOMPU at the Farmer's Market through the end of September. The Foundation is working on the 6th birthday party celebration of Muddy & Millie scheduled for September 13. They're also starting up the ReTool Box classes in September.

Director's annual review: Tabled until the Chair receives input from the city peer review process.

Budget. City Council is scheduled for a budget hearing on September 2. Troy Tymeson expects no real issues to surface. The budget calls for a \$30,000 increase in the materials budget to accommodate more materials of every kind, more ebooks and an online foreign language database – Rosetta Stone – which will be available on October 1.

Personnel. The city human resources department received 103 applications for the two part-time library clerk positions we're hiring. Susan reported that after two solid days of interviewing, the committee selected two applicants who will start September 2. They are Amie Sharon and Megan Dubos.

Long Range Plan Review – discussion of school/community library concept. In particular the Board looked at adding an objective to Goal #5: To provide community members with increased access to library materials and services. The specific objective of exploring the idea of a school/community library concept was explored. Bette provided GIS maps (created by city GIS expert Debbie Frisbee) showing density of growth and schools located in high growth neighborhoods. Kiki Miller described hearing citizens express interest in more library services in west of the downtown area. The Idaho State Library Commission offered encouragement for examining the idea of keeping a school library open after school and on weekends, staffed by public library staff and supplied with public library materials. Understanding that there is no money in the current financial plan directed toward this endeavor, all

agreed that a committee of interested individuals need to begin a conversation based on the new objective in the library's long range plan. Motion to add "Explore the concept of partnering with a school library to offer public library services" as an objective to Goal #5 in the Long Range Plan, Sweney; second, Fagerness. Approved. The next step is for Bette to convene a group of interested parties with Kiki facilitating.

Next meeting: September 24, 2014

Adjournment: Adjourned 5:05 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Bette Ammon