

THE DALLES - WASCO COUNTY LIBRARY

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AGENDA

Library Board Meeting

March 14, 2006

4:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. MINUTES – February 7, 2006
- III. PRESENTATION
 - A. Mid Columbia Reading Council/International Reading Association
“Celebrate Literacy” Award
- IV. LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT
- V. SHARED CONCERNS OF THE BOARD
- VI. DISCUSSION
 - A. Proposed 2006-2007 Library Budget
- VII. REPORTS
 - A. Library District Project
 - B. Friends Of The Library
 - C. Library Foundation
 - D. Financial Report
 - E. Title List Of Books Purchased
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES SUBJECT TO
COMMISSION APPROVAL
AT ITS NEXT REGULAR
SESSION

Library Board Meeting
March 14, 2006

COMMISSION PRESENT: CeeCee Anderson, Ross Cain, Barbara Garner, Chairman Corliss Marsh, and Vi Smith

COMMISSION ABSENT: None

GUESTS PRESENT: Barb Saunders

STAFF PRESENT: Library Director Sheila Dooley

The meeting was called to order at 4:11 p.m. by Chairman Corliss Marsh.

MINUTES

CeeCee Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7th meeting. Vi Smith seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATION

A. Mid-Columbia Reading Council/International Reading Association "Celebrate Literacy" Award

Barb Saunders of the Mid-Columbia Reading Council presented Sheila Dooley with the 2006 Celebrate Literacy Award. This annual award recognizes the promotion of literacy in the Mid-Columbia area.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sheila Dooley reported that:

- library staff member Suzy Goolsby was one of two area coordinators for "Read Across America Day" held on March 2nd. Seven local public and private schools participated in this annual event which features volunteers reading to children in their classrooms.
- outreach activities during February included 10 story times at the Mid Columbia Medical Center's Great And Small Childcare Center, and a library tour and story time for Great And Small participants.
- a \$50,000 LSTA Grant proposal is being developed which would bring the libraries at Dufur and Maupin into the Gorge LINK system. It would fund staff time and other costs involved with converting the cataloging records. It would also pay for Gorge LINK

equipment needed at Shaniko and Tygh Valley for the library stations there. A grant award would be contingent on the Library District measure being approved by voters.

- arrangements are being made for the children's art and music programs funded by the Wasco County Cultural Trust. Programs will be held in the spring in Dufur, Maupin, and The Dalles.

- programs planned for spring break include "Mz. Pearl's Variety Show" on March 30th and Gary Reed's insect display on April 1st.

- due to a recent attempt to break into the library shed, several areas around the library have been posted as no trespassing areas. The police are making extra patrols of the library grounds. There have been several complaints about people trespassing behind the library at night.

DISCUSSION

A. Proposed 2006-2007 Library Budget

Sheila Dooley reported that the County Budget Hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 19th. She is preparing two budgets for the City: one with Library District funding and one with just City funding.

There was a discussion of the proposed Library District budget. The budget revenues include \$790,099 in district funds, \$50,000 in LSTA Grant funding, and \$17,672 in City General Fund revenues for capital improvement projects. Corliss Marsh asked what the district revenues totaled. Sheila Dooley said total revenues are more than \$800,000. The amount for The Dalles library includes the cost of countywide services to be provided to the other libraries.

Corliss Marsh asked whether routine building maintenance would be paid for with district funds. Sheila Dooley said the district would pay for routine maintenance for each library building but not for capital improvements.

Barbara Garner asked if the district funds would be mainly used for extended hours and more books. Sheila Dooley said they would also be used to set up Gorge LINK services.

Barbara Garner said she has had several people asking her for information on the proposed district and that she or someone else should speak to groups in Dufur such as Potlatch and the gardening club. Corliss Marsh asked Sheila Dooley to give Barbara the informational handout. Corliss Marsh said a contact person in Dufur is needed to coordinate lawn signs there.

REPORTS

A. Library District Project

Corliss Marsh reported on the activities of the Library District PAC. The PAC is preparing to do mailings, and newspaper and radio ads. As the Friends of The Library can't participate in political activities, they will be underwriting an educational mailing. The PAC is soliciting funds for a second mailing to be sent to registered voters including those in the military. Other activities include hanging a banner on Second St. and putting up 250 yard signs.

Since the May 16th election will require a double majority for the measure to pass, it will be important to get the vote out. As this will be a governor's race, there should be a sizeable turnout.

B. Friends Of The Library

Corliss Marsh reported that at their March meeting, the Friends voted to underwrite the first mailing regarding the library district. It was also decided to hold a work party on Friday, March 31st at 1:00 p.m. to clean out the library storage building. The used books will be sorted with those books that are not saleable disposed of. CeeCee Anderson asked if books could be purchased during the sorting. Corliss Marsh said volunteers were welcome to purchase books.

D. Library Foundation

Sheila Dooley reported that the Library Foundation is preparing to apply for a grant through Trust Management Services.

E. Financial Report

The financial report for February showed 55% of the book budget expended as of 67% of the year. Sheila Dooley said quite a few book invoices were recently submitted for payment so expenditures should be closer to the anticipated total for this time of year. Interest revenues are higher than budgeted.

F. Title List Of Books Selected For Purchase

The Title List was presented for information. Barbara Garner asked whom she should contact with book requests.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:30 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Corliss Marsh. The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 11th.