

THE DALLES - WASCO COUNTY LIBRARY

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A G E N D A

Library Board Meeting

April 11, 2006

4:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. MINUTES – March 14, 2006
- III. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- IV. SHARED CONCERNS OF THE BOARD
- V. DISCUSSION
 - A. Intergovernmental Agreement To Provide Library Services To The Proposed Wasco County Library Service District
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 - A. Library District Project
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 - D. Financial Report
 - E. Title List Of Books Purchased
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- VII. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES SUBJECT TO
COMMISSION APPROVAL
AT ITS NEXT REGULAR
SESSION

Library Board Meeting
April 11, 2006

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

COMMISSION ABSENT: Ross Cain

STAFF PRESENT: Library Director Sheila Dooley

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. by Chairman Corliss Marsh.

MINUTES

Vi Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14th meeting. Barbara Garner seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sheila Dooley reported that:

- the library purchased two computers through the Gates Foundation "Staying Connected" grant program and will use them to replace the two Windows 2000 Internet workstations.
- spring break programs included (1) "Mz Pearl's Variety Show" which included comedy, magic, juggling, and dance, and was attended by 128 people, and (2) a display of exotic bugs belonging to Gary Reed and viewed by 60 people.
- planning for the 2006 Summer Reading Program is underway with The Dalles Kiwanis Club. The program will be held from June 16th through August 18th on Friday mornings. Special guests that are scheduled include mountain men, musicians, and reptiles.
- the series of art and music programs funded by the Wasco County Cultural Trust Grant have started with programs held in Dufur. The artwork created by the Dufur participants is on display at the library.
- the library has been asked to be the fiscal agent for the Celilo Falls grant project through the Oregon Council for the Humanities. The grant would fund a series of reading and discussion programs to increase awareness of the significance of Celilo Falls. The cosponsor of the project is the Center For Columbia River History. Sheila Dooley will ask the Friends of the Library to be the fiscal agent for this grant.

CeeCee Anderson asked whether the program would be for adults or children. Sheila Dooley said it was for adults. In regards to the books to be purchased, Corliss Marsh asked who would own the books at the end of the project. Sheila said they would belong to the library. Sheila will talk to the Hood River Librarian regarding sharing the program books. Corliss Marsh suggested that the Friends of the Library sell the duplicate copies at the end of the program. Corliss asked whether the State Library has duplicate copies that could be loaned to us for the program.

- the Wasco County Data Conversion project grant proposal is being submitted to the State Library. It is the first step in applying for a \$50,000 LSTA Grant to convert the collections at Dufur and Maupin onto the Gorge LINK system and will be contingent on the library district measure passing.

SHARED CONCERNS OF THE BOARD

CeeCee Anderson asked if the Library PAC has lawn signs available. Sheila will refer her question to the PAC group.

DISCUSSION

A. Intergovernmental Agreement To Provide Library Services To The Proposed Wasco County Library Service District

Sheila Dooley reported that the County Court needs additional funds in the district contingency budget above the proposed \$17,108. An additional \$86,000 could be saved by phasing in the new library services starting in July and completing the process in November. In July hours could be increased at Dufur and Maupin, Gorge LINK services established, and children's programming started. The Dalles branch could have some increased hours in July with the rest occurring in November.

Corliss Marsh asked who would be funding the library between July 1st and November when property taxes could be collected. Sheila Dooley said the City is planning to provide funding for the District until taxes are collected in November.

Barbara Garner asked what to tell people in Dufur who ask what the Dufur library will receive from the district in addition to Gorge LINK delivery and pick up of requested books. Sheila said there was funding budgeted for more hours and new books at Dufur. Dufur could use the funding for other needs. Barbara said there was a shortage of books for adults at the Dufur library and more was needed to draw people in to the library. Sheila said bestsellers could be provided. CeeCee Anderson suggested posting a flyer listing the new books purchased. Barbara said rising gas prices and an aging population in Dufur could be reasons for people to use the Dufur library more.

Corliss Marsh said Dufur residents should be told what share of the tax money they would be receiving. Including Gorge LINK costs Dufur would receive \$18,151 the first year in direct services, which would be more than the taxes paid to the district. Barbara Garner said the money needed to be put into new books not increased hours. In regards to children's services, the Dufur library has great programs for children.

REPORTS

A. Library District Project

Corliss Marsh reported on the activities of the Library District PAC. An informational flyer paid for by the Friends Of The Library was sent out. The PAC will be paying for a second "Vote yes" mailing. Newspaper ads and radio spots with personal endorsements are planned. Supporters are being encouraged to write letters to the editor and tell their friends to vote. Bob McNary is in charge of the PAC's 287 yard signs. A banner will be displayed on 2nd St. for two weeks. Sheila Dooley said the employees' union is planning to contact voters using a phone bank.

B. Friends Of The Library

Corliss Marsh reported that volunteers held a work party and cleaned out the library storage building. The storage space was overwhelmed with books and a total of 5,720 tons of books were removed. CeeCee Anderson asked how they disposed of the books. Sheila said arrangements had been made with St. Vincent de Paul to take some books but the books were damaged by rain before they could be picked up. Corliss Marsh said in the future books will be sorted as they are received with the unwanted ones given away free at the book sales. Once a month, a sale will be held in the storage building.

D. Library Foundation

Sheila Dooley reported that the Library Foundation received \$7,267 from the estate of Richard Bailey, which is 80% of the total to be received.

E. Financial Report

The financial report for March showed 77% of the budget expended or encumbered as of 75% of the year. Sheila will have the capital outlay encumbrance for the Gates computers removed.

F. Title List Of Books Selected For Purchase

The Title List was presented for information.

G. Quarterly Circulation Report

The quarterly circulation showed a decrease of 3.9% when compared to last year's total. Sheila Dooley said this was most likely due to fewer new books being purchased.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:02 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Corliss Marsh. The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 9th.