

TIME : 12:00 Noon
PLACE : Library Meeting Room

THE DALLES - WASCO COUNTY LIBRARY

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A G E N D A

Library Board Meeting

January 16, 1997

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. MINUTES - November 14, 1996
- III. SHARED CONCERNS OF THE BOARD
- IV. BUSINESS
 - A. Proposed 1997-1998 Library Budget
 - B. Reconsideration Of Internet Users Policy
 - C. Patron Survey Form
- V. REPORTS
 - A. Library Board Bylaws
 - B. Mission Statement And Basic Services
 - C. Library Goals And Objectives
 - D. Quarterly Circulation Report
 - E. Title List Of Books Purchased During December

expected but the numbers were unknown at this time. She expected the focus to be on reducing support services first before reducing direct service providers. Direct service providers were 100% funded by the General Fund while support services weren't. Margaret said she would be working with the Department Managers throughout this month with a proposed budget prepared by February 7th.

Albeana Taylor said we didn't know if the County would contribute 50%. Margaret Renard said she expected the County to continue to support the library but by what amount was unknown.

Dorothy Rooper asked if the Board could influence what happens at the County level. Margaret Renard said as much as they could influence what happens at the City level but at the same time there is the need to be to be realistic as the County was facing tough choices too.

Dorothy Rooper asked if there was any chance of getting educational funding for libraries. Margaret Renard said preliminary conversations among lobbyists excluded libraries from the public education definition.

Tom Coats asked what the budget schedule would be. Margaret Renard said the City budget process would start in March. Sheila Dooley added that the County process would start in April. Margaret said she would give the section of the proposed budget dealing with the library to Sheila to give to the Board. Margaret said she expected changes to her proposed budget by the Budget Committee.

Sheila Dooley reported that a significant budget reduction would return the library to a service level similar to the 1994-1995 level with cuts in building maintenance, library materials, and staff. The library would return to a 5 day per week schedule. Tom Coats asked whether the library would be closed on Mondays again. Sheila said that as there were people from out of town who used the library on Saturdays, Mondays would be the day to close.

Margaret Renard said the Library Director and the Board would be the only ones who could realistically say how the cuts could be made to work.

B. Reconsideration Of Internet Users Policy

Sheila Dooley reported that several of the Board members had requested that the Internet Users Policy be reconsidered. It was felt that the parental permission requirement conflicted with the American Library Association's policy regarding electronic access for minors. According to the State Library no libraries had reported problems resulting from not requiring a permission slip.

Tom Coats moved to remove the first sentence of paragraph 3 of the policy, which was the sentence containing the parental permission requirement. The motion also included adding a sentence stating that the library subscribed to the American Library Association's

