

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 18, 1996

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. MINUTES - October 12, 1995
- III. SHARED CONCERNS OF THE BOARD
- IV. REPORTS
 - A. Internet Jumpstart Grant
 - B. Sherman County Bookmobile Project
 - C. Gorge LINK Automation Project
 - D. Library Compressor Insurance Claim
 - E. Library Energy Usage
 - F. Public Programs
 - G. Quarterly Circulation Report

approved. Included in the grant award would be a computer, modem, and software as well as 1 year of Internet service. The level of service was still unknown with the minimum being 20 hours a month. The Friends had agreed to pay the cost of installing the phoneline. Ross Cain asked Sheila about having the phone company do the wiring. Sheila said that she was planning to call the phone company to discuss it.

Tom Coats asked if the Gorge LINK system had been installed yet. Sheila said that the library was online with the computer in Hood River but the database wasn't loaded yet. The projected date of the system being available to the public was April.

At 12:15 p.m. the Board members adjourned to the main library reading room where they were to have a photograph of the Gorge LINK terminals taken for the newspaper.

At 12:25 p.m. the meeting readjourned.

B. Sherman County Bookmobile Project

Sheila Dooley reported that Sherman County had submitted a grant application for a bookmobile. The State Library Advisory Committee would be reviewing the proposals on January 26th. Dorothy Rooper asked if Southern Wasco County was involved in the project. Sheila said as far as she knew they weren't.

C. Gorge LINK Automation Project

Sheila Dooley reported that the library staff was in the process of barcoding approximately 32,000 books in the collection. Barcodes for another 10,000 books were on order. Creation of the patron file would be the next and final project remaining before the system would be available to the public.

D. Library Compressor

Sheila Dooley said that the insurance had paid \$6680 out of a total claim of \$9762. The remaining \$3082 had been paid out of the library budget. Sheila was planning to ask for a budget transfer if possible.

E. Library Energy Usage

Sheila Dooley reported that the library's electric bill was anticipated to be \$5500 over budget by the end of June. This was due to change in the billing from small commercial to large commercial. Gib Wiley suggested complaining to the PUD Board. Sheila said that she had been meeting with the PUD staff to discuss ways to reduce the electric costs, such as combining the meters or installing a load limiter, electronic ballasts, or gas heating.

Ross Cain asked if Clint from Complete Comfort had made any recommendations regarding changing the percentage of outside air. Sheila said that he hadn't gotten back to her yet. Ross said that he would be talking to him today.

Sheila said there were some unanswered questions about the system such as whether disconnecting the heat in the summer would affect the operation of the air conditioner. Ross said that at the high school the boiler was turned off from April to October with no problems, but the system didn't involve duct heaters.

Tom Coats asked if the Department Of Energy would do an energy audit at the library. Sheila said the PUD was looking into it.

F. Public Programs

Sheila Dooley reported that the Great Decisions Program would be held at the library starting on January 23rd. Dorothy Rooper said there would be a different program each week and it would be related to a PBS program.

Sheila said three Oregon Committee For The Humanities Programs were being requested. The OCH funding had not yet been approved so any scheduling would be tentative.

The library would be hosting a display on Indian tribes of the Gorge during February. Dorothy asked if the display would be in the meeting room. Sheila said it would be on panels in the main part of the library.

G. Quarterly Circulation Report

The report was presented for information. Sheila Dooley said that the children's fiction circulation was down about 5% below average as a percentage of the total circulation. The recent donation from James Thomas for children's books should help it to increase.

Gib Wiley asked who selected the new books. He felt that the selection on the new bookshelf varied as far as finding books he'd like to read. Sheila said purchases were based on reviews and requests from patrons. Books less than a year old were not available through interlibrary loan.

Sheila said she estimated that approximately \$10,000 from the book budget would not be spent due to the high electric bills and the compressor repair. Ross Cain said that a transfer from contingency was needed. Sheila said that she would be looking into asking the City and County for a budget transfer.

At 12:51 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ross Cain.