

TIME: 12:00 Lunch (bring your own) and meeting  
PLACE: Library Staff Room

## THE DALLES-WASCO COUNTY LIBRARY

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### A G E N D A - - - - - -

Library Board Meeting

February 6, 1991

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. MINUTES - January 10, 1991
- III. SHARED CONCERNS OF THE BOARD
- IV. BUSINESS
  - A. Discussion Of Budget Alternatives For 1991-1992
- V. REPORTS
  - A. English As A Second Language Resource Center Progress Report
  - B. Instructor/Librarian Position
  - C. County Budget Meeting
  - D. Oregon Library Association Conference



start of classes at the college, she was planning to come to the library to help with reference and start setting up a reserve shelf for the students.

#### C. County Budget Meeting

Sheila Dooley reported that the County would be holding budget meetings the following week with the library's scheduled for February 12th at 9:45 a.m. The purpose of these meetings was to gather information regarding the funding necessary to maintain the current level of services and the effect of cuts of 20%, 30%, and 50% on these services. The Budget Committee also wanted to know what would be the minimum funding level at which the library could continue to operate. The actual budget hearings would be scheduled at a later date.

#### D. Oregon Library Association Conference

Sheila Dooley reported that the Oregon Library Association Conference would be held from April 10th through 13th. Ross Cain said that he would let Sheila know if he would be attending. The other Board members indicated that they would be unable to attend.

### BUSINESS

#### A. Discussion Of Budget Alternatives For 1991-1992

Sheila Dooley reported that when considering cuts there were only 3 areas in the budget of any size that could be cut: building maintenance, materials (book, audiovisual, and periodical purchases), and staff (which would result in a reduction of hours). Burns Nugent asked what per cent the City was planning to cut. Sheila said that it was unknown at this time. Albeana Taylor said that assessments were up 15% in Multnomah County and were probably up in Wasco County too.

There was a discussion of the proposed service levels at the different levels of funding. Joanne Brewer said that in regards to cutting Mondays, the library had a responsibility to the college. Burns suggested combining budgets #1 (20% cut) and #2 (30% cut) and creating a budget that would maintain the book budget, partially maintain building maintenance, and reduce the staff by 2 part-time positions with the library closed on Mondays. Ross Cain stated that maintaining the collection should be the number one priority. Joanne Brewer asked if it were possible to hire part-time clerks to work less than 20 hours per week with fewer fringe benefits. Ross suggested having one employee shift per day if Mondays were eliminated.

Joanne Brewer said that the effect of cuts on the other libraries in the County needed to be considered. Sheila Dooley said that although the rotating collections would be eliminated at a 50% cut, the libraries could come and select their own books to borrow as a possible alternative. Anne Duyck asked what hours the meeting room would be available with a reduced budget. Sheila said that lack of heat and access to the meeting room key were 2 reasons to limit use to hours that the staff was in the building.

There was a discussion of building maintenance and the possibility of using City and County workcrews or volunteers to do grounds maintenance. Sheila Dooley said that if an employee from the City's Building And Transportation Division supervised the workcrew, the library would have to reimburse that department for the person's time.

Ross Cain said that it should be expressed at the budget meeting that the Board feels that if cuts have to be made, that the library can't be maintained with cuts beyond 20% at a level that would be of any real benefit. There was a question at the 20% cut level as to whether enough services were being offered to make it worthwhile.

Ross moved to have the Library Board recommend that if cuts were made at a 20% level, that 2 part-time positions be cut, the library be closed on Mondays, the book budget maintained, and the remaining funds added to grounds maintenance. Albeana Taylor seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

At 1:20 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.