

TIME: 11:30 Lunch and meeting
PLACE: Library staff room

THE DALLES-WASCO COUNTY LIBRARY

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A G E N D A

Library Board Meeting

April 18, 1985

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. MINUTES - March 14, 1985
- III. SHARED CONCERNS OF BOARD
- IV. BUSINESS
 - A. Policy regarding materials loan
 - B. Policy regarding displays and exhibits
- V. REPORTS
 - A. Budget hearings
 - B. OLA Conference
 - C. Quarterly circulation report
 - D. Comparison to other libraries
 - E. Monthly budget report
 - F. Spanish brochure
 - G. Title list of books selected for purchase

finer policy. After reviewing the fines policy and maintaining a count of the small fines incurred weekly, Sheila felt that the number was negligible and did not warrant a change of policy. In regards to user fees, Sheila said that charging user fees would violate the definition of a public library under ORS 357.400, as well as make the library ineligible for LSCA grant monies.

Del Anderson asked what, if any, problems had arisen with censorship in the library. Sheila replied that no specific cases had arisen in recent years but that the library's procedure for dealing with complaints involved having the patron file a complaint and the library respond by citing the criteria used in the selection of the book. If necessary, the complaint would then be referred to the library board. Del Anderson mentioned that the videocassette on censorship shown at the OLA Conference was available for loan, and that this was another example of how a VCR would be useful in the library.

B. Displays & exhibits policy

Sheila reported that no problems had occurred recently with use of the display case, but that in the past complaints had been lodged regarding a one-sided political display. Sheila also said that according to the display case policy, no religious groups may use the case, and that the library cannot be liable for damage to displays. Dennis Illingworth asked if users signed a waiver of any kind. Sheila said they have not in the past, and Dennis answered that perhaps a statement signed by the users stating that they understand the rules would be in the library's best interest.

Del Anderson said that both of these updated policies would be added to the Trustees and Friends Handbook. Dennis Illingworth moved that the Board accept these policies and that they be added to the library's goals and policies statements. Jo Kerege seconded and the vote was unanimous.

REPORTS

A. Budget hearings

Sheila Dooley reported on the City budget hearing and there was brief discussion on the County budget hearing.

B. OLA Conference

Del Anderson reported that he felt the major development at the conference was the Trustees and Friends Handbook which would be ready by June, and sent to libraries statewide. The Dalles-Wasco County Library's goals statements will be included in this. He also reported that he had met with Ruth Watson, the director of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library and they had discussed the bookmobile project proposed last fall. Del said that he felt a Gorge-wide library trustees luncheon in which matters such as this could be discussed, would result in better communication between the libraries.

C. Quarterly circulation report

Sheila noted the drop in circulation which she attributed to the earlier-than-usual arrival of spring weather. She also reported that there were no significant changes in percentages of circulating non-fiction, fiction, and children's materials.

D. Comparison to other libraries

The Board discussed statistics obtained from the State Library comparing libraries of similar size. The Dalles-Wasco County Library ranked lowest in per capita expenditures and next to the lowest in staff size of all the Oregon libraries in the 20,000 to 25,000 population range.

E. Monthly budget report

The monthly budget report was reviewed but no action was taken.

There was a discussion regarding the possibility of trading the library's computer printer with Treaty Oak for a VCR, monitor and stand, which could be made available for public use in the meeting room. Sheila Dooley said she would ask Del Cesar if such a trade would be permissible. Jo Kerege made a motion that, assuming the manner of the trade to be proper, the library board recommend trading the library's printer for a VCR with monitor and stand from Treaty Oak. Dennis Illingworth seconded the motion. The vote was three in favor with Bill Bell abstaining due to a possible conflict of interest.

F. Spanish brochure

Martin Magid reported that the Spanish version of the library brochure was finished and ready for distribution. Sheila stated that while the library had been purchasing Spanish titles monthly, the overall collection was still small. Martin added that he was trying to obtain periodicals in Spanish, preferably a newspaper.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:55 p.m.