

THE DALLES-WASCO COUNTY LIBRARY

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MINUTES LIBRARY BOARD MEETING DEC. 7th, 1982

Attending were Bill Bell, Jo Kerege, Del Anderson, Marge Foley, Agnes Schlichting, Dick Wagner, and Sheila Doofey.

Bill Bell moved that the minutes of the November meeting be approved as submitted. Marge Foley seconded. Approved unanimously.

The monthly circulation report and budget report were accepted for information only and no action was taken.

Dick Wagner reported on incidents involving the book drop for the last month. Three customers claimed that books they had returned in the book drop had been stolen from it and there were two incidences of vandalism, one involving raw eggs, and another tomatoes. Del Anderson suggested that the drop be closed. Wagner suggested that since the board had asked to monitor the situation for 60 days the board should wait another 30 days before acting. No action was taken at this time.

There was a long discussion of the proposed 1983-84 budget. It was unanimously agreed that the amount allowed the library was grossly inadequate. Bill Bell asked if it was possible to form a separate library district. Wagner said yes. There was an informal discussion of pros and cons. Bill Bell moved that Librarian Dick Wagner draft some sample proposals for such a library district, whether city wide or county wide and submit them at the next meeting for comment. Marge Foley seconded. Approved unanimously.

Bill Bell asked what the responsibility and authority of the Board was. Anderson commented that ostensibly it was "to set policy" but that it was poorly defined in effect was mostly advisory. Dick Wagner agreed. Bell said he hadn't received any information describing the Board's duty and would like some. Anderson suggested that all boardmember's be given an updated version of the packet he had received when appointed. Wagner agreed to prepare such a packet and provide it to the members in time for review before the next meeting.

Bill Bell also asked whether there were any recognized standards by which the library could evaluate its facilities and services. Wagner said there were general guidelines from the American Library Association, the Oregon Library Association, and the Oregon State Library, all of which were very similar. Bell asked to be provided with copies of such standards and asked the librarian to provide the Board with information showing how the Library compared with those standards. Wagner agreed.