

NEWBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
THURSDAY JULY 17, 1986

PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS

Judy Elliott
Stew Harris
Gerry Harthun
Terry Mahr

STAFF

Doreen Turpen

ABSENT:

Mary Kerns

The meeting was called to order by Vice-chair Judy Elliott at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION: Harris/Harthun to accept the consent calendar including the minutes, desk report, and bills for the months of May and June. Motion carried.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

CCRLS AUTOMATION PROJECT UPDATE: The library is using its terminal for reference searches of the Salem Public Library and Chemeketa Community College Library collections. Salem Public Library has terminals for public use; Woodburn, McMinnville, and Dallas libraries will begin entering their collections soon. We are waiting for a report from CCRLS before implementing an on-line connection. The report may indicate cost savings for tying into a drop-off point at McMinnville rather than making a direct connection to Salem. We will soon be running cable through our building for the internal connection of the terminals. Staff members are involved in an extensive weeding process in order to eliminate out-of-date, worn, and unused materials before going through the steps of putting them into the data base.

The library is also in line for one of the next stages of the City's automation plan. We will be receiving IBM equipment and software and will be using it for management control and the establishment of special files for materials such as sheet music which will not be listed separately on the CCRLS system. The installation of the IBM hardware will free the Apple for public use as was initially intended.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS: The summer reading program is in full swing with over 400 children participating. The Library Friends funded a puppeteer who presented a well-received program. The library is sponsoring a program of silent

movies for Old Fashioned Festival and will also serve as the location for an old fashioned spelling bee which will be conducted by the Open Bible church school. Sears is loaning the library a Winnie-the-Pooh costume which will be used during next week's storytime. The State Library sponsored a planning workshop that used Newberg Public Library as one of its three locations throughout the state. About 25 people attended. The school district books have been used heavily. Nearly one-third of the books went out the first day they were available.

The library has been approved to participate in the Let's Talk About It program which is funded under LSCA grant money this year. We are scheduled to hold book discussion groups in January, February, and March. The program involves the community in book discussions on selected titles which are introduced by scholar-hosts.

LSCA GRANT: The demonstration grant is well under way now. The advisory committee has been selected and has held one meeting and elected officers. Candidates for the project assistant position have been interviewed and final selection is pending call backs from reference checks. Some book selection has been done for the Dundee site and supplies have been ordered.

LIBRARY FRIENDS: The Library Friends continue to be very active with their volunteer support for the library. The library has received the microfilm that was purchased by the Friends. It includes microfilm copies of the Newberg Graphic up to 1943, the Newberg Scribe, and the Enterprise. They have committed to bring the microfilm holdings up to date if the library will maintain files. They were assisted in their first purchase with a donation from The Chehalem Valley Heritage Society. The Friends will have a booth at Memorial Park during the Old Fashioned Festival.

SUMMER HELP: The library has one student through the Summer Youth Employment Program. These students work for eight weeks and receive their pay from the federal program. We have selected and hired a student from Newberg High School who will be our work-study person for the next school year. We also have several student volunteers this summer and one adult who is doing field experience work for her Master's degree as a Media Specialist.

BOOK RECONSIDERATION POLICY: The policy was accepted by the Newberg City Council at its July meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: City Council approved the reappointment of Judy Elliott and the new appointment of Gerry Harthun to the Library Board.

LIRN PROJECT: The Library has submitted a joint intent

to apply form to the Fred Meyer Foundation for a grant for collection development in the field of economic development. This may include materials specifically related to the wine industry.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BOOK SELECTION POLICY: No action was taken; item to be carried over to future meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

SUMMER MEETING DATES: Board members directed the librarian to prepare background material on the planning process presented in the recent workshop for board members to review at the August meeting. The intent is to then hold a planning session involving the Library Friends at the September meeting. Ideas that were brought up and suggested for further discussion were more advertising for the library and having the library open on Sundays.

DISCUSSION OF MEMO DATED JUNE 5 FROM GEORGE HAPP, SALEM PUBLIC LIBRARY. The memo related to the need to find a solution to the situation that arises when two communities that are adjacent to each other do not provide equal services and one community subsidizes the other. The solution George suggested for discussion purposes will not be acted on immediately according to a recent telephone conversation made by the librarian so Board members took no action at this time.

CCRLS CONTRACT: The Librarian introduced the CCRLS contract which is due again. It is the same as that signed for 1985-86 and is proposed to be for the same fee.

MOTION: Mahr/Harris that the Board recommend that the Council accept the CCRLS contract, subject to approval of the City Attorney. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15; followed by a demonstration of the automation system.