

LIBRARY BOARD
MEETING NOTES
JANUARY 15, 1987

PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS

JUDY ELLIOTT
ELDON MCINTOSH

STAFF

DOREEN TURPEN

OTHERS

BONNIE ARBOGAST

ABSENT:

MARY KERNS (EXCUSED)
STEW HARRIS
GERRY HARTHUN

AS THERE WAS NO QUORUM, NO ACTION COULD BE TAKEN, BUT THE AGENDA WAS FOLLOWED FOR INFORMATION ITEMS.

Eldon McIntosh was introduced as the newest member of the Library Board. He has been appointed to fill Terry Mahr's term. Bonnie Arbogast was introduced as the newly elected president of the Library Friends.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

LSCA GRANT. The satellite library in Dundee is seeing limited use. Plans are to keep it open through July though to assess use during the summer when school is out. Debbie conducted a telephone survey, contacting 100 people. Half lived in the City of Dundee, half were outside either Dundee or Newberg City limits. The survey results indicated that people are aware of the location of the Newberg library, that 65% realized that they did not provide tax support for the Newberg library, that most people were willing to pay a minimal amount for a library card (under \$10.00). There was mixed response on tax support for the library. 65% indicated that they were not willing to be taxed in place of a user fee, but 54% said that they were willing to support the formation of a library district that could collect taxes for the support of the library. The advisory committee is in the process of preparing a final report. It should be available by the end of the month.

AUTOMATION PROJECT: The total project has entered the second phase so the primary hardware is being upgraded and additional terminals will be available. We have installed the internal cabling for our terminals and the dedicated line

has been ordered. It is scheduled to be installed on Feb. 3. Our equipment should be installed by March and we would then be ready to start the retroconversion of our records. If we can maintain the projected schedule we could be online in September.

LIBRARY FRIENDS: The Friends have authorized a second purchase of microfilm for the Library. This will bring our holdings of the Newberg Graphic to 1964. New officers were elected at the annual meeting this week. They are Bonnie Arbogast, President; Emma Hamner, Vice President; and Pat Peyton, Sec./Treas.

1986 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Staff is working on the 1986 accomplishments list. A copy will be available for the next Board meeting.

DONATIONS: The library has recently received an amplifier and speakers, a microprocessor that can be used for self-instruction in how computers work and in programming, a \$50.00 donation for books and a \$70.00 donation for books. Smurfit Newsprint Corporation donated \$5,000.00 to the City for the Library. The funds were not designated for any specified use.

DECEMBER PROGRAMS: The Christmas Tree Lighting program drew 250-300 people. Many came for all of the events. This program is offered as a part of the Newberg Downtown Association's promotion package.

BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES: The "Let's Talk About It" series is scheduled to begin on Jan. 29. There has been quite a bit of interest and a good article was in this week's Graphic.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. 75th Anniversary. Preliminary planning has begun. The Librarian asked for suggestions for people to contact to assist with a celebration. The date has not yet been set and will depend on the availability of a key speaker.

B. 1986/87 BUDGET. The Librarian went over a rough draft of a budget proposal for the Library. A copy is attached as part of these minutes. There was some discussion, but no action was taken. Those present did indicate that the budget met with the direction they had set earlier.

The meeting concluded at 9:15 p.m.