

NEWBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
THURSDAY MARCH 19, 1987

PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS

Stew Harris
Gerry Harthun
Judy Elliott
LaVerne McIntosh

STAFF

Doreen Turpen

ABSENT:

Mary Kerns

The meeting was called to order by Chair Judy Elliott at 7:45 p.m.

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

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

LSCA GRANT: The quarterly report and a budget modification have been submitted to the State Library. The final report for the advisory committee has not yet been completed.

AUTOMATION PROJECT: The final terminals were scheduled for installation this week, but that action has been delayed. Staff has located data entry tables to be used by the temporary staff and additional shelving has been installed in the upper level workroom. Staff has also made progress on the codes that need to be decided before data entry can begin. The librarian believes that entry work will begin within the next six weeks.

BUILDING UPDATE: The building fund budget will be modified to allow for construction of the AV/Computer room in FY 87/88 as it does not appear that the necessary planning can be completed in order to bid out that phase of the project this fiscal year.

The window wall/skylight contractor has been on site to see the extent of the leaks. He assures us that they will be corrected.

Discussion was held on the proposed fountain. The librarian suggested that an alternative might be to hold a competition for a sculpture for that space. This might fit in well with the library as an attraction for art pieces since it already houses a ceramic wall sculpture and carving by recognized regional artists and another wood carving is

about to be installed. Board members agreed with this concept and directed the librarian to pursue the idea of inviting artists to submit proposals for a sculpture.

STAFF CHANGE/STUDENT PRACTICUM: The library's work-study student has quit. Her position has been filled by one of our student volunteers. The library will be providing tasks for a student practicum position to last through April and May.

OLA: The Oregon Library Association annual conference will be held in Portland the last weekend of April. The librarian will be taking over the position of secretary for the association at that time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

75TH ANNIVERSARY: May 17th has been selected as the date for the anniversary celebration. The program will feature a "meet the experts" format with individuals and groups setting up displays and demonstrations to relate to various subject area classifications. Jean Auel was invited to be a guest speaker but has declined. Craig Lesley declined our initial request for the end of March, but felt that he could be available for the May date.

NEW BUSINESS:

RECIPROCAL BORROWING BETWEEN SHERWOOD P.L. AND NEWBERG P.L.: The librarian presented board members with a letter that has been sent to the Sherwood Public Library in response to their request for a reciprocal borrowing agreement. With the agreement of the Mayor, the librarian approved of the move to creating a policy that would allow Newberg card holders to use the Sherwood Public Library and Sherwood card holders to use the Newberg Public Library. Board members agreed with this policy change.

NEWSPAPER INDEXING: The librarian has received verbal approval for participation in a state project for indexing newspapers. As part of this project, the library would receive a terminal, modem, and printer; the equipment that would enable staff to input information from our local paper into a system that would provide the indexing. The local commitment would be to input on an ongoing basis. It appears at this time that the indexing could be done by volunteers. LaVerne indicated that she would be interested in participating with this project.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.