

MINUTES
NEWBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
APRIL 16, 1987

PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS

Judy Elliott
Stew Harris
LaVerne McIntosh
Doreen Turpen

STAFF

ABSENT:

Mary Kerns
Gerry Harthun

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chair Judy Elliott.

MOTION: Harris/McIntosh to accept the consent calendar as distributed. Motion carried.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

LSCA GRANT: It is expected that the advisory committee will meet by the end of the month to review and approve the committee's report. The City of Dundee requested information and Debbie attended the April council meeting. She has since talked with the Mayor of Dundee and, with his approval, will be initiating contact with the State Library to have a report that will cover what other cities of similar size are doing to provide library service and what it would cost for the City of Dundee to offer library service that would meet threshold criteria.

AUTOMATION PROJECT: The dedicated line has been installed which allows us to have more terminals hooked up and which allows greater use of the system for the same communication costs we had with the dial up line. We have seven terminals now, but have hooked up just four of them since some locations are in public access areas. The positions for data entry clerk have been posted. Cut off date is April 24. The first set of codes have been sent to the project director for review. Board members were given a brief demonstration of the public access functions of the system.

OLA: The Oregon Library Association annual conference is this next week. The Librarian will be attending.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES: OLA held a legislative day this past week. The Librarian attended and received an update on issues currently before the legislature. There is a bill for a statewide library card. It has received the support of the Senate Education Committee and has been referred to the Ways

and Means Committee. OLA does not expect it to be approved since it includes a cost for reimbursement to net lenders. It has been offered this year in an effort to educate legislators on the issues with the hopes that it will generate support so that legislation can get approved later. The State Library budget has been moved forward with a do approve recommendation. It includes an increase in state per capita support to \$.17.

BUILDING UPDATE: The contractor is being contacted by the City Attorney with notice that the bonding company will be approached if the window wall leaks are not resolved. It appears that the library architect will not be available to complete design work on the AV/computer booth so staff may be involved in selection of an alternate architect.

WOOD CARVING INSTALLATION: The wood carving commissioned by Esther Baird has been completed. The artist selected by Miss Baird is LeRoy Setzoll of Sheridan. The two part carving in black walnut was installed this last week. Board members examined the piece and expressed satisfaction at having another example of regional art on permanent display in the building.

BUDGET UPDATE: The proposed budget for the library was approved by the Budget Committee this week. There was considerable questioning of the budget and the increased expenditures. The Librarian presented copies of the proposed building fund budget which will come under discussion this coming week. Board members were asked to comment on the projects identified within the budget proposal. They expressed that their first priority for continued support was the construction of the AV/Computer room.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

75TH ANNIVERSARY: The anniversary celebration has been set for May 17. The hours will be between 2 and 5. The program will include Portland author Craig Lesley as the featured speaker. Other activities will consist of individuals and groups with special interests hosting displays and being available to meet with the public to share their knowledge, exhibits on library history, culmination of the gathering of items for a time capsule, and refreshments.

RECIPROCAL BORROWING BETWEEN SHERWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY AND NEWBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY: The Sherwood Library Board made the decision not to enter into a reciprocal borrowing agreement. They have decided to charge a \$10.00 per family per year fee for residents from outside the tri-county area.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.