

MINUTES:

NEWBERG LIBRARY BOARD

PLANNING COMMITTEE

JANUARY 9, 1988

10:00 a.m., NEWBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY

PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS

Gerry Harthun
Judy Elliott
Mary Kerns
LaVerne McIntosh
Stew Harris

STAFF

Doreen Turpen

OTHERS

Bonnie Arbogast

Board Chairman, Gerry Harthun, began the meeting with an overview of the agenda.

Board members were involved in defining their perceptions of the community. Two characteristics were identified as key elements; first, that the community is at a turning point, second, that there is a broad constituency, that the community cannot be characterized as a retirement community or a bedroom community, etc.

The librarian distributed statistical tables that provided Board members with an overview of circulation, circulation per capita, programs and program attendance over the last 17 years. Board members also reviewed comparative data that showed Newberg Public Library in relation to six other libraries with similar city populations.

Following general discussion relating to the statistical data, the librarian gave an overview of the current status of the library in terms of physical resources and services offered.

The balance of the meeting was spent in developing a mission statement for the library.

MOTION: Harris/Kerns to adopt the following mission statement:

The Newberg Public Library is a dynamic civic resource that is committed to providing information, materials, and services which anticipate and respond to the needs, the interests, and concerns of individuals and groups within its community. The library believes that this commitment translates into an active role in the community's life--an opportunity to stimulate ideas, to advance knowledge and to enhance the quality of life in the greater Newberg area.

Motion carried.

Saturday, February 20, 10:00 a.m. at the library, was chosen for the next meeting of the committee. The committee will focus on identifying roles for the library, setting objectives, and developing action plans. It was expressed that community input would be extremely valuable for this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30.