

MINUTES:

NEWBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

September 15, 1988

PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Laverne McIntosh
Pat Landis
Judy Elliott
Mary Kerns
Brian Bessler

STAFF:

Doreen Turpen

OTHER:

Bonnie Arbogast

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Laverne McIntosh

MOTION: Elliott/Landis to approve the consent calendar. Motion carried.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

AUTOMATION PROJECT: The tables for the PAC terminals have been installed. Members of the Friends are being trained as volunteer catalog trainers.

LIBRARY STAFFING: The Children's librarian position has been filled. Sandra Olmstead was hired following a complete selection process that included advertising and interviews. Sandra formerly worked for the library.

PROGRAMS: The summer reading program has been completed. Over 400 children participated but staff indicates that continued involvement throughout the summer seemed to be down and the number of books that were reported was considerably fewer than in previous years. Staff will continue to evaluate the program and try to develop activities that can reverse this negative trend.

BUILDING/CONTRACTOR ISSUES: There has been no more progress on these issues.

WORKROOM REORGANIZATION: The new desks and dividers have been installed. There are a few details still necessary for completion of the project. Staff is pleased with the result and the workability of the new workstations.

AY/MEDIA ROOM DESIGN PROGRESS: Meetings with the architect have still not occurred and there is no further progress to report.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF MATERIALS--REVIEW OF POLICY: The librarian called the Board's attention to information that was in their packet that related to a request for withdrawel of a children's book. The policy and the response to this request were reviewed.

CITY TAX BASE: The City has included additional funds for book purchases within its proposal for a new tax base that will be presented to voters in November. Board members were asked for their response to this increase for the library. The consensus of the board was that while books were indeed needed, there were also other priorities for the library; most notably, additional staff for the children's department. Brian offered to draft a letter to the Mayor to indicate that the Board would like to see further discussion on the use of any additional funds for the library before a commitment was made by the Council. That letter will be reviewed by the Board at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

General discussion was held on the means to continue with the planning process and the development of selection policies. It was decided that if the librarian could present the monthly report in written form, then meeting time could be used for work sessions. The focus in coming months could be on development of policies.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.