

**Minutes
Newberg Public Library Board
Tuesday , January 17, 1995**

Present: Board Members: David King, Dorothy Rogers, Linda Marshall, Donna Read
Staff: Leah Griffith

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by vice chair, Dorothy Rogers.

Consent Calendar:

It was moved and seconded to approve the consent calendar items (November Board minutes and November & December statistical report). The Board did not meet in December.

Business:

The Director provided information on two State Library grants that have been submitted. One would work with the new senior center to provide library services at the new location as well as to further develop the service to the homebound that is currently conducted. The second grant is to develop the health information area with materials to be placed in local waiting rooms as well as purchase more materials. The State Library Review Panel will be making their decision shortly.

A bill is being presented to the State Legislature to remove CCRLS funding from the education side of Chemeketa Community College's tax base and move it to general government. Senator Derfler of the Salem area will be taking this to the floor and he is confident that it should have an easy passage. Without it, CCRLS's funding will be reduced 50% and many of the programs and services will be cut. The director will be attending the Oregon Library Association Legislative Day on Thursday (January 19th) and she will be meeting with both Rep. Leslie Lewis and Sen. Stan Bunn regarding this issue.

The Board discussion on goal setting was the basis for discussion regarding the City Budget Committee recommendation that the City Council place three separate serial levies on the ballot this spring for support of the Fire, Police, and Library departments. Discussion centered on the concept that the serial levy wouldn't solve the library's biggest problem of serving those who live in the surrounding area. The school children were mentioned as a major concern. It was discussed that the fees that non-residents pay now do not fully pay for their use of the library and even if a program was instituted to provide "library scholarships" to students, city residents would still be subsidizing non-city resident users. It was felt that a library district could provide the financial resources for the library to be open additional hours and meet the information needs of the area. The larger district could also probably do this at a lower rate per thousand than is currently paid by city taxpayers. Also discussed was the effect a serial levy request in 1995 could have on a library district request in 1996. The Board also referred to the Newberg Public Library Long Range Plan 1993-98, Goal 1, which addresses the need to pursue a solution to the non-resident fee issue. The issue of the library being a regional service rather than a city service was discussed. At the end of discussion the following motion was made by David King, seconded by Donna Read and approved by Board members present.

The Library Board respectfully requests the Newberg City Council to establish a committee to study and act upon, if appropriate, the formation of a library district to encompass the area of Yamhill County not in the Chemeketa Community College District rather than ask city voters to consider a library serial levy request in May, 1995.

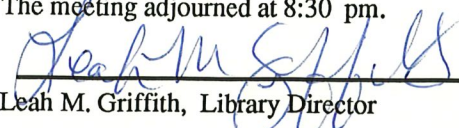
Director's Report:

The director's report was mailed.

Items for Next Month's Agenda

Further Discussion on the Board Goals and Activities for 1994-95

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.


Leah M. Griffith, Library Director


Approved