# Minutes Newberg Public Library Board Tuesday August 15, 1995

Present:

Board Members: Linda Marshall, Donna Read, Linda Sartwell, David King

Staff: Leah Griffith

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by acting chair, Donna Read

Linda Sartwell was welcomed as the new board member and introductions were made.

#### Consent Calendar:

It was moved and seconded to approve the consent calendar items (June Board minutes and June & July statistical reports).

### **Business:**

Election of officers was held. Donna Read was elected chair, Linda Marshall was elected vice-chair.

Fund Raising activities were discussed. The director presented a program that is conducted at the Springfield Public Library to provide scholarships for non-resident cards. A fund raising campaign is held to encourage donations for a special fund to provide scholarships for those who cannot afford to purchase a non-resident library card. Discussion included whether it should just be for students or for anyone who could not afford the card. It was also questioned how to determine eligibility. SPL operates on an honor system (if you say you can't afford to pay then you are believed and issued a scholarship card) and has felt that has worked for them. Any action on this policy would have to go before the City Council. The director will check with the City Finance Department regarding a special fund and Donna Read will investigate the requirements for reduced lunch fees as a guide for eligibility.

Library staff are working on a Sponsor a Book display to encourage people to sponsor the cost of the book in return for a book plate in the book noting their donation. This project is continuing with a report scheduled for next month.

The Long Range Plan was reviewed. It will continue at next months meeting and a formal report will be provided to the City Council regarding progress and updates.

## Director's Report:

The director's report was mailed. The new format of a newsletter and memo was well received. The newsletter is proving very popular with customers with many being picked up at the Circulation Desk.

# Items for Next Month's Agenda

Next months meeting will be held on September 19. Agenda items will include: The Long Range Plan, The Scholarship Program, The Sponsor a Book Program.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Leah M. Griffith, Library Director

Approved