

Minutes
Newberg Public Library Board
November 18, 1993

Present: Board Members Marvin Krueger, Linda Marshall, Jane Poole, Dorothy Rogers,
Richard Gherts
Staff Leah Griffith

The meeting was called to order by chair Marv Krueger at 7:05 pm.

Consent Calendar: It was moved and seconded to approve the consent calendar items (October Board minutes and statistical report). The drop in reference statistics and the static level of the circulation statistics were attributed to the training of new reference staff who are not as quick or as able to find patrons as many items yet or even to assist as many patrons. Both new reference staff are coming along as quickly in their training as possible.

Business: The director provided an update to the activities of CCRLS regarding future organization and funding. The PYM librarians are meeting on December 3rd for a work session followed by a similar session on December 8th for the CCRLS advisory board and other interested parties. Governance options are being discussed such as a three county library district or three separate county districts. Either of these options could solve our non-resident problem as the boundaries could be redrawn to include the Newberg area. The director is actively participating with both these groups.

The Board discussed the concepts of funding of the Library with tax and non-tax dollars. Some ideas that were presented were:

- How much could be raised for such things as the electric bill versus children's programs?
- Businesses are getting tapped out with requests from everyone for funding
- Libraries have always gone to non-tax resources for funds and we should endeavor to raise funds (Richard Gherts)
- We can't just depend on taxes for our funding (Jane Poole)
- Ideas for fund raising included: adopt a book with sponsor's bookplates, bookfairs for the selling of new books, sponsorships for a series of children's programs, businesses supporting books in their area, businesses reviewing the area of their expertise and recommending and paying for additional books, looking to Hewlet Packard for computer donations.
- Programming was also discussed with the following ideas brought up: a storytime featuring favorite stories by primary teachers, school drama classes, college drama classes, career speakers

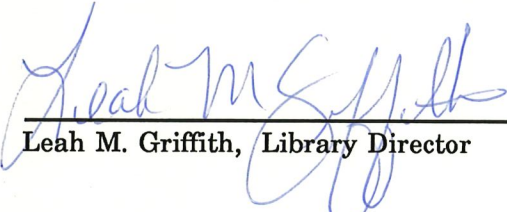
It was decided to invite the Library Friends and the Foundation to a joint meeting on January 20 to discuss a consolidated effort to raise non-tax funds for the support of library activities. It was felt that all three groups should work together to raise both the long term endowment funds for the Foundation, and the short term funds for immediate use. We don't want donors to feel confused about where to donate and we don't want to be fighting over the same funds. Marv will write a letter to the chairs of both groups inviting them to attend.

The reference area should be up and running shortly after the first of the year. The databases for the Oregonian and the HEAL project have been ordered. Computer equipment should be ordered shortly as well as the furniture.

Director's Report: The written Director's report was mailed. In addition, Patty Bauer was recently hired as a page. The annual tree lighting will be held December 2nd at 7 pm. The City Attorney is using the Rotary Room as an office following the City Hall fire. Hopefully he will be in his new office on the corner of 2nd and Howard after Thanksgiving.

Items for Next Month's Agenda
Planning for January 20th meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.



Leah M. Griffith, Library Director

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Approved