

**Minutes
Newberg Public Library Board
Tuesday August 20, 1996**

Present: Board Members: Donna Read, Linda Marshall, David King, Linda Sartwell, James Allgood
Staff: Leah Griffith

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by vice-chair, Linda Marshall. Jim Allgood was welcomed as a new member and it was announced that Donna Read had been reappointed.

Consent Calendar:

It was moved and seconded to approve the June Board Minutes, no meeting was held in July. The May and June statistics had some errors and will be reviewed at the September meeting.

Business:

Donna Read arrived and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

The Non-Resident Card Scholarship Fund was discussed. Currently there is \$225 in the fund. A letter to teachers, an article in the newspaper and notice on the bulletin board will encourage those needing assistance to apply for a card.

The OPEN Internet project is still waiting for completion. We are hoping for a September implementation date.

The City Ordinance regarding the library board is in conflict with the City's processes for appointing other advisory board members. The Council has directed the Board to review the ordinance and make changes for their approval. A number of issues were discussed. The current members felt that the process of voting during the Council meeting had a tendency to make one not want to go through the process and wasn't conducive to continued interest in serving. One idea was to have the applicants interviewed by the Library Board and have them make a recommendation to the Council. This would allow a more thorough discussion with the candidates. Another thought was to increase the number of members. The Board will review the Ordinance in September and will plan to have something approved by November to place it before the Council in January.

Activities for 1996-97 were discussed. The Board looked at the list of policies that need review and will begin the process of reviewing policies each month. The Library Director has been instructed by the City Manager to develop a "White Paper" on funding issues, including library district formation. The Board will be involved in this process as it is prepared for Council review in January. The upcoming election and its affect on the library was discussed. The cut and cap measure could see a 25-40% decrease in the library's budget. Also the measure to require a majority of registered voters to approve any taxes could affect efforts for a library district.

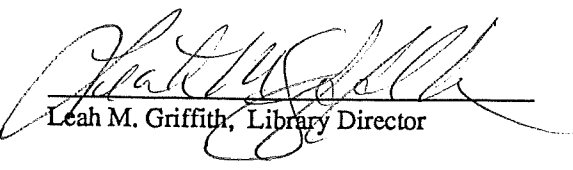
Director's Report:

The Director's report was mailed

Items for Next Month's Agenda

The September meeting will include election for the Board Chair and vice chair, a demonstration of the Internet project, and review of the City Ordinance.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.


Leah M. Griffith, Library Director

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