

Minutes
Newberg Public Library Board
Tuesday December 17, 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 chair Donna Read

The regular action of the Board was suspended and will be conducted at its regular January meeting. The purpose of this meeting was only to discuss Measure 47.

Business:

The Director presented information on Measure 47 and the preliminary impact on the City and the Library. The City is looking at cuts totaling \$660,000. The measure states that public safety will be prioritized, however it is not defined to say that they would not be subject to any cuts or if they would only be subject to fewer cuts than other areas. The Library's 1996-97 budget is \$465,000.

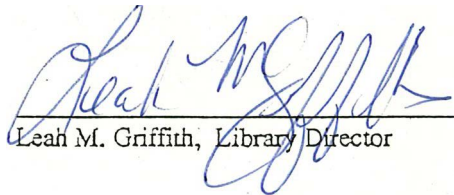
The Board discussed the kinds of cuts and the priorities for library service. There was extended discussion on the cuts to staff and to the materials budget. The Board felt that while cuts in the materials budget were inevitable, that the purchase of new materials was important to the mission of the library. Without new materials, the library would be unable to fulfill the needs of its users. The director was instructed to make the materials budget reductions in line with the overall reductions (30% reduction in total budget, 30% reduction in materials budget). This point was repeated a number of times.

The Board also discussed the need for increased donations by the public and local groups.

Items for Next Month's Agenda

The next meeting will be January 21, 1997.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.


Leah M. Griffith, Library Director

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