

Minutes
Newberg Public Library Board
Monday March 3, 1997

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

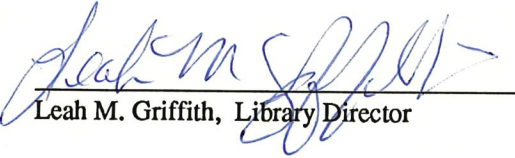
The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by chair Donna Read

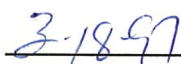
This special meeting of the board was call to discuss the proposed serial levy for the library.

The Board discussed the various situations regarding a serial levy for the library that will be discussed by the City Council at their meeting. The Board expressed its concerns that May is too soon to have an election. The Director expressed the concern that if the board did not support a levy the public would think they didn't support the library. The concept that people should have the chance to decide how they want their library to be funded and do it now was also discussed. Another idea that was brought up was that people in Newberg had voted for Measure 47 and so they would probably not look favorably upon a serial levy and that they did want to see their government smaller and that library cuts were a part of it.

The Board discussed that it would like to see the budget raised up \$100,000 or so which would keep the cuts to the loosing an evening and perhaps a couple additional hours as well. This would have the library taking its share of the cuts, but not decimate it as much as the 32% cuts would. The Board decided that David King would speak for them at the Council Meeting and relate their concerns that May is too soon for a levy and that the City should support the library at a greater level than the 32% cutback budget allows.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.


Leah M. Griffith, Library Director


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