

**Minutes
Newberg Public Library Board
Tuesday March 18, 1997**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by chair Donna Read

Consent Calendar:

It was moved and seconded to approve the February 18, 1997 and March 3, 1997 Board Minutes and the January and February 1997 statistical report.

Business:

The situation with Measure 47 were discussed. Things are looking a little better for the library now with a projected budget cut of \$60,000 that would result in the library cutting 5 hours from its schedule for a 34 hour week in July. The budget will be refined in preparation for Budget Committee Meetings in April.

The Board reviewed the Bulletin Board Policy and reaffirmed it as presented.

The Board reviewed the new Internet Use Policy. Discussion was held on the use of filters and other devices. It was decided that the filters give a false sense of security in that people feel they block everything and they don't. They also block other sites that shouldn't be blocked such as those on breast cancer. The library has also placed its terminals in public locations which dissuades people from looking sites some people might find objectionable. In the six months that the Internet has been available there have been only a couple of instances and the individuals have been dealt with according to the library's existing rules of behavior. The Internet Use policy was approved unanimously.

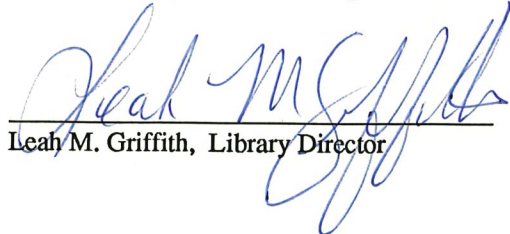
Director's Report:

The Director's report was mailed. The library has submitted a community development block grant application for building upgrades to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. These would include new handrails on the inside stairs, modifications to the public restrooms and automatic door openers as well as other small modifications. We won't know for a couple of months if the grant is approved.

Items for Next Month's Agenda

The next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 1997. An update of Measure 47 and review of policies will be on the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.


Leah M. Griffith, Library Director

4-15-97

Approved