

**Minutes
Newberg Public Library Board
Tuesday April 15, 1997**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by vice-chair Linda Marshall

Consent Calendar:

It was moved and seconded to approve the March 18, 1997 and the March 1997 statistical report.

Business:

The situation with Measure 47 were discussed. Information on Measure 50 was distributed. The Board was informed that the passage of Measure 50 would not probably affect the library this year, but could help in future years.

The library budget for 97-98 was distributed. It will be discussed at the upcoming budget committee meetings. If approved it will result in a cut of 5 hours per week, (3 hours from Wednesday evening and 2 hours from Saturday morning). There will be no need for layoffs has there has been reductions in staff due to attrition. Staffing will be down one fte from current levels. The materials budget is remaining the same as the current year.

City Council Goals for 1997 were distributed. These give an idea of what the city as a whole will be dealing with over the current year including the library goals.

The Long Range Planning Process for 1998-2003 was discussed. The make up of the group was discussed and it was felt that it would be important to have some individuals who have technical expertise and perhaps someone from George Fox University. It was also thought that some general discussion on the future of libraries should be a part of the planning group as well as the board activities. It was thought that if meetings were every other month the process could be completed in time to adopt a plan by spring 1998. The process would begin in the fall of the 1997.

The city is recognizing its volunteers on Wednesday, April 23rd at a desert at the Fire Station. It was mentioned that the library has 102 volunteers this fiscal year.

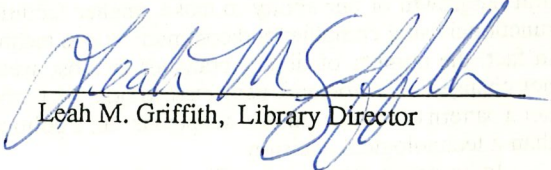
Director's Report:

The Director's report was mailed. There were no formal complaints registered regarding the Internet and the publicity in the Graphic. One letter was sent to the mayor, however, she chose not to take it any further.

Items for Next Month's Agenda

The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 1997. The Planning Process will be discussed as well as the first installment of readings about the future of libraries.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.


Leah M. Griffith, Library Director

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