

**Minutes
Newberg Public Library Board
Tuesday June 17, 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 May 20, 1997 minutes and the May 1997 statistical report.

Business:

The situation with Measures 47/50 was discussed. A group called Oregonians for Libraries is lobbying the State Legislature to include "Bridge Funding for Libraries" for this biennium. This would probably be in the form of grants to libraries to put back hours, services, staff lost due to Measure 47.

The city budget for 97-98 was approved by the City Council on June 16th with no changes for the Library. The Library will be implementing the cuts on July 1st that will include shorter hours on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The Long Range Planning Process for 1998-2003 was discussed. David King has arranged for Rich Peterson of Naps to serve (or his assistant manager) as well as Irene Rose. Other prospective candidates will be asked. A start date of Wednesday September 17th was set as an orientation session and tour of the library. It is a night the library is closed so a full orientation can be held. The director will be talking with the Mayor regarding other appointments.

The appointment of a new board member will wait upon the approval of the library ordinance that is up before the City Council in July. It was suggested that if the ordinance passes that candidates be asked to come to the July 15th board meeting after 7:15. The Board would begin its meeting at 6:45 to give time to discuss the process before the candidates arrived.

The Board expressed appreciation to member Linda Marshall for her four years of service as she leaves the board. She has been very helpful in a number of projects including the serial levy election.

Director's Report:

The Director's report was mailed. Rea Andrew has been promoted to the position of Circulation/Volunteer coordinator. The Library Foundation met and distributed \$4,000 in grants to the library for a variety of programs including library cards for every kindergarten student, geographical resources, and music cds.

Items for Next Month's Agenda

The next meeting is scheduled for July, 1997 at the special time of 6:45 pm. The appointment of a library board member will be on the agenda

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.


Leah M. Griffith, Library Director

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Approved