

**Minutes
Newberg Public Library Board
Tuesday October 21, 1997**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by chair Donna Read

New Board Member Debbie Headley was welcomed.

Consent Calendar:

It was moved and seconded to approve the September 9, 1997 minutes and the August and September 1997 statistical reports.

Business:

The election of officers was held. Linda Sartwell was elected chair with Jim Allgood selected for the vice chair position. Leah will contact Linda to let her know of her election.

The first session of the Long Range Planning process was discussed. A good attendance resulted in a good orientation and beginning discussion about library strengths and opportunities. Charles Church was selected as chair. The group will meet again on Thursday, November 20 at 7 pm. The board discussed the agenda for the next meeting as well as ideas for public input. A survey that would enter those who completed it in a prize drawing was suggested. A big sign with people doing their selecting of their choices by dots was also discussed. Staff will be developing a survey soon.

The City Council had a special meeting on October 14 to discuss purchasing the property across from the Library for parking. There is concern about spending money on a building that would only be torn down. They are, however, working towards getting an agreement with the ESD to hold the land and building until next spring when state money may be available. There is a general consensus that this opportunity shouldn't be passed by, with a caveat that it's hard to put money out for parking when the library's hours are cut.

Jim Allgood and Debbie Headley from the Board along with Director Leah Griffith and Friends Vice President Jeanne Hesedahl will be attending the Oregon Library Association Board workshop on Library Advocacy on the 25th. The next sessions will be in April and May and will focus specifically on board issues.

A copy of the latest city ordinance for the library was distributed.

Director's Report:

The Director's report was mailed.

Items for Next Month's Agenda

The next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 1997. The planning meeting will be on the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.


Leah M. Griffith, Library Director

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Approved
Minutes approved as corrected:
Date of meeting was changed to 10/21/97