

**Minutes
Newberg Public Library Board
Tuesday, September 15, 1998**

Present: Board Members: Donna Read, Linda Sartwell, Debbie Headley, Jim Allgood,
David King
Guest: Cherie Taylor
Staff: Leah Griffith

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by chair Linda Sartwell

Cherie Taylor was welcomed as the new board member to complete Jim Allgood's term. She will officially begin her term on October 1st. David King was welcomed as a reappointed member.

Consent Calendar:

It was moved and seconded to approve the August 18, 1998 minutes. The August, 1998 statistical report was also approved.

Business:

Elections of officers for 1998-99 were held. David King was elected chair and Debbie Headley was elected vice chair. The gavel was passed to David and he continued the meeting.

The proposed library fees were presented for discussion.

The proposal for the non-resident fees is that they be raised \$10 (except the student fee which would remain at \$15) This represents the increase in tax payments with the new hours for 1998-99.

The fee for those who live within the CCRLS district, but not within a city that provides service was discussed. Those "rural" residents pay 8¢ per \$1,000 for library service (CCRLS only). Those in cities pay an average of 53¢ per \$1,000 for library services (45¢ to city library, 8¢ to CCRLS). This inequity has been the focus of extended discussions with councils, city managers and librarians for the last year. Most of the larger libraries are planning to implement a \$10 (per household) fee on January 1st to start to make up for this inequity. If Newberg participates, we would be charging the \$10 fee to those residents with a St. Paul address only. Any other CCRLS are patron would have to go to another library to get a card.

The other fees primarily include raising the maximum fine to \$5 from \$2 and implementing a fine for lost books.

The fees were discussed and will be acted upon at the October 20 Library Board Meeting and if approved, forwarded to the city council for their approval on November 19th. Taylor asked for information regarding income levels for the Chehalem Valley. The Director will provide for the next meeting.

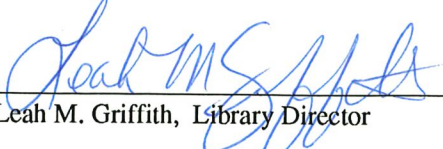
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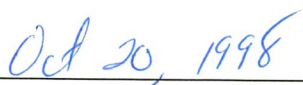
The Director's report was distributed.

Items for Next Month's Agenda:

The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 1998. The meeting will be held in the Director's Office. The proposed fees will be acted upon.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.


Leah M. Griffith, Library Director


Approved