



Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Coeur d'Alene Public Library Board of Trustees

December 11, 2019 (combined November & December meetings)

Trustees Present:

Kraig Lysek
Fay Sweney
Steve McCrea
Katie Saylor
Ann Smart

Others:

Kiki Miller, Council liaison
Bette Ammon, director
Holly Stetson, foundation
Tyler McLane, circulation manager

Call to Order: The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman McCrea at 4:04 pm.

Consent Calendar: Motion to approve, Ann; second, Kraig. Approved.

Director's report: The excitement continues with news of the book hider at the library going viral. The Late Night with Stephen Colbert show ran two segments. One premiered a gigantic replica of the fundraising satire "Whose Boat is This Boat" which the producers then shipped to the library. It was presented with camera crews recording library staff attempting to shelve it, reading it aloud for storytime, and checking it out. This footage was subsequently presented on the second Late Night segment. News stories on the BBC and International Public Radio as well as the Seattle Morning News show resulted in hundreds of emails and letters plus donations of books and money. Sports writer Rick Reilly hid 10 copies of his book "Commander in Cheat" in the library just prior to his presentation to nearly 300 attendees. While most of the responses from the public have been positive and supportive of the library and many people are taking selfies with the big book, there have been a few negative comments. The book will be on display through the end of December.

Where are we with the Wi-Fi and hotspot filtering legislation? The Idaho Library Association decided not to pursue amendments to the law. Bette will follow up with the Idaho Commission for Libraries and the city's legal department. Noted is the fact that money for filtering software is not in the budget for this fiscal year.

The Arts Commission voted to accept Patty Sgrecci's donation of the mobile "Sticks and Stones." It will be installed over the terrace doors.

City Council Liaison. Kiki talked about the Preservation Commission formation and their first meeting. The city received 30 applications for nine positions and the commission reflects a variety of ages and experiences in Coeur d'Alene. They'll be applying for grants and plan to create an archive of historic buildings with information. Bette is interested in having that archive available to the public on our CdArchive site.

Other city events – Kiki noted that it has been very busy the past several weeks.

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Lake City Library. Life is steady at the Lake City Library.

Friends of the Library. The Friends allocated \$1200 for an early literacy project Char Beach is working on. They've been receiving some great donations of books and money this past month.

Library Foundation: Holly said the parade with Muddy & Millie went well. The Muddy & Santa event is planned for December 14 and they expect a large attendance. She noted that each child attending will receive a paperback of the newest Muddy & Millie adventure featuring their trip to Costa Rica. Susan and Charlie Nipp will also be distributing the new book to every kindergartner, first grader, and second grader in the school district. They are champions of childhood literacy.

Student representative. Ali was unable to attend and sends regrets.

PR Committee. The group met just prior to the board meeting. The committee includes Steve McCrea, Kiki Miller, Angela Flock, Brenda Bergelin, Holly Stetson, David Townsend. Bette attended as well. They talked about a marketing and outreach plan and decided to do a campaign called "Use your card" focusing on different aspects of library service each month. They loved JD's draft of the Annual Report and hope to develop a budget for continued materials. The group will meet again prior to the January board meeting.

Policy amendments. Developed by Steve with assistance from the city legal department:

VI. Library Security and Patron behavior

....A. Destruction, vandalism, intentional disorganization or hiding, or theft of library materials is prohibited.

Vandalism includes, but is not limited to, willfully destroying, modifying, mutilating, defacing, breaking, cutting, tearing, writing upon or otherwise damaging any library materials.

The term "Library materials," include but is not limited to books, magazines, newspapers, audio visual materials and computer programs; the library building, grounds, furniture, fixtures and equipment.

Motion to approve, Katie; second, Ann. Approved.

Love lives here campaign. This group asked that the library sign on to their Kindness Campaign. The Board wholeheartedly supports this effort but noted that the library has its own policies and procedures in place to deal with hate incidents. Library staff is posting information about the Love Lives Here campaign.

Personnel. Tyler reported that circulation clerk Erin Smith left for a fulltime position at the Liberty Lake Library doing children's programs. Erin lives in Liberty Lake but loved her time here at our library. In addition, Kathie Martin is retiring from her clerk position this month. Two new clerks have been hired and are in the training process now. They are Leigh Hamic and Kathy Needs. Bette noted that she met with them yesterday to go over policy and emergency procedures and they're adapting well.

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Other. Fay attended a focus group discussion regarding the Comp Plan and education and hopes to have the library included in the lifelong learning section.

Other. This is Kraig's last meeting. He'll be sending his resignation letter to Bette who will have the city start the recruitment process for a new trustee. All board members expressed their gratitude to Kraig for his expertise and great perspective. Bette thanked him for his attention to detail and statistics!

The next board meeting will be on January 29 (a week later than the regularly scheduled meeting) at 4pm. Election of officers will be on the agenda.

Adjourned 5:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bette Ammon

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