



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

October 23, 2019

### Trustees Present:

Kraig Lysek  
Fay Sweney  
Steve McCrea  
Katie Saylor  
Ann Smart

### Others:

Kiki Miller, Council liaison  
Bette Ammon, director  
Holly Stetson, foundation  
Ali Cranney, student representative

**Call to Order:** The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman McCrea at 4:03pm.

**Consent Calendar:** Amendment to September minutes regarding Fay's suggestion concerning disseminating information to high school students through guidance counselors – now reads: "Fay suggested that information might be routed through school guidance counselors." Motion to approve as amended, Kraig; second, Katie. Approved.

**Director's report:** The pumpkin painting event held last weekend was a great success. The city's Wastewater Department provided 200 pumpkins for 375 people to paint. Bette and Holly were invited by Nancy Flagan to speak at a PEO meeting this week. Per the Board's recommendation, Bette attended the Arts Commission meeting asking for a recommendation for the Sgrecci art options. The Art Commission recommended accepting the mobile Handmade Paper Stones to be displayed in the library. Bette will provide the application for donation of art to Donna Bain, a local artist who is handling the donation. The Library has been in the news frequently this past month. Several articles featured the state legislature's bill to filter wi-fi and hotspots. Another news story on KREM news and the CdA Press dealt with the library patron who has been hiding political books he/she disagrees with for over a year. This story has published in the ALA intellectual freedom news and distributed internationally. Bette will be meeting with a reporter from the New York Times next week. Bette also reported that racist literature has been placed at various places in the library. Recently we observed an individual placing anti-Semitic literature in a Hanukah book. This person has been trespassed from the library for a year.

**City Council Liaison.** Kiki spoke about the parking RFP which has just been posted. She wants to be sure that the result is a program that provides data on vacant spaces, full lots, time of day, out of state plates, etc. The goal is to have new policies and rates in place by the first of the year. Kiki also mentioned that a constituent recommended chaining old bikes to the decorative racks so the public knows those are bike racks. Bette says bikes are frequently chained to the racks on the upper level but most people don't know the dragon at parkside is a bike rack. Other city news includes the Ironman contract approval which allows for a full Ironman every three years. Kiki is working on a review team to

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look at major events the cost to the city taking a more serious look at how these events impact city services. Discussion about whether the library should go back to closing on the Sundays where the full Ironman is scheduled. Bette noted that it all depends on the route and whether or not people could actually get to the library and parking lot. Kiki would like a library presence at school board meetings when there is information that can be shared during their public comment.

**Lake City Library.** Things are going well there. JD has additional shelving to work with and will be providing more children's books. Ali can potentially help us promote the library to students at the high school.

**Friends of the Library.** The Friends allocated \$1000 to the Pageturners book club. They'll be doing hospitality for the Kelli Estes program this evening and the Robert Singletary book launch in early November.

**Library Foundation:** The Reading for the Library event featuring Sharma Shields and Simeon Mills was cancelled due to lack of ticket sales. It's been a busy fundraising season in CdA this fall. Travel to Italy's mountain region will be featured at a Novel Destination on November 15. The Foundation's first literary trivia fundraiser is scheduled for November 19 at the Crown & Thistle at 6:30. Teams of four people will pay a mere \$40 to have fun and great food and drink with proceeds going to the Foundation. Holly would love to see Board members attend. Mudgy & Millie will be in the lighting parade after Thanksgiving. And December 14<sup>th</sup> will see the annual Mudgy & Santa singalong with two sessions this year at 11 and 2pm.

**Student representative.** Welcome new student representative Ali Cranney who is a junior at Lake City High School. Ali noted that she's very interested in government and English is her favorite subject. She's excited to be on the library board.

**PR Committee.** This group's first meeting will be at 3pm on December 11 just prior to the next Board meeting. Members are Steve, Kiki, Holly, and David. Bette will ask Angela to participate as well since she mentioned interest in marketing in her board report.

**Filtering legislation.** Frustratingly, Bette learned today from the state librarian that the Idaho Library Association legislative committee will not be pursuing any amendments to this bill which does include filtering library wi-fi and hotspots. Bette and Mandi had an opportunity to speak with Representative Amador over the weekend and he too said he thought it was a no-win situation. After discussion, the Board acknowledges that we start looking at the next step. We wouldn't move forward on implementing filtering until we are satisfied that the software works and we can afford it in terms of staff time and cost. We'll also be documenting potential harm including how all users (adults and children) could be prohibiting from accessing legitimate sites since we would likely have to filter all devices for all ages. The library will be in the process of complying after the law goes into effect with the hope that the legislation can be revisited in the future.

**Policy amendments.** Motion to approve, Saylor; second, Ann. Discussion followed. Policy amendment suggestions:

A. Loan Periods (updated January 2015)

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1. Most materials (including audio books and CDs) - four week (28 days) checkout period with ~~one~~ **two** four week renewals, provided items have not been reserved by another patron.
2. DVDs and videogames check out for one week. (2011) **Series DVDs check out for two weeks.**

## VI. Library Security and Patron Behavior (Approved, January 2006; updated June 2018)

In order to provide a readily available collection of library materials and a suitable atmosphere for use of the Library's materials and services, the Library Board has adopted the following policies:

- A. Destruction, vandalism, or theft of library materials or property is prohibited. Vandalism includes willfully destroying, mutilating, defacing, breaking cutting, tearing, writing upon or otherwise damaging any library materials (including, but not limited to books, magazines, newspapers, audiovisual materials and computer equipment) or property (including but not limited to the library building, grounds, furniture and equipment).
- B. **The distribution of flyers, posters, handouts, etc. is prohibited without permission from the library director.**

Katie recommended that the addition of to the flyers section be separate from A. Steve suggested adding a policy prohibiting patrons from reshelving books. He'll draft something for the next meeting for consideration. Policy amendments approved.

**This Book campaign.** Katie, Ann, and Bette attended the kickoff for the campaign. Funded by Innovia, This Book extends the Open Books, Open Doors program that started three years ago to foster preschool reading with the goal of having children reading at grade level by third grade.

Motion to combine November and December meetings to be held on December 11, Katie; second, Ann. Approved. Next scheduled meeting is December 11 starting at 4 pm in the Jameson.

Adjourned 5:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bette Ammon