



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

September 25, 2019

Trustees Present:

Kraig Lysek
Fay Sweney
Steve McCrea
Katie Saylor
Ann Smart

Others:

Kiki Miller, Council liaison
Bette Ammon, director
Holly Stetson, foundation
Suzy Young
Craig Northrup, CdA Press

Long Range Planning discussion: Began at 3:30pm. The Board continued their informal review of the current long range plan. Bette presented changes suggested at the June, 2019 meeting. These included Goal 4 Objectives – Review access to streaming video, exploring partnerships with school districts, Molstead Library, and others. Bette has been in conversations with School District 271 and the Molstead Library about a collaborative license to a streaming video service. Goal 8 Objectives – Develop a marketing committee to create a plan to review new and existing programs, and include goals on exploring new ways of providing library information, developing the ability to track and record marketing impact, identify potential partnerships with existing organizations, and more. The committee will include David Townsend, Kiki Miller, Holly Stetson, and Steve McCrea.

Bette will bring the revised Long Range Plan to the October meeting for approval. The Board will continue to review bimonthly going forward.

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

Consent Calendar: Question about 3D printing – are we charging patrons to print their projects? Not at this time. The filament is relatively inexpensive. Motion to approve Consent Calendar, Saylor; second, Lysek. Approved.

Director's report: As the Board knows House Bill 194 requiring libraries to filter Wi-Fi beginning July 2020 passed at the end of the last legislative session. We were all unhappy that we had no time to weigh in with legislators and describe the library's perspective. Now we're learning that hotspot devices may have to be filtered as well or only checked out to patrons 18 years and older. Detailed discussion followed with Kraig noting that patrons who have virtual private network software (VPN) on their devices may see use affected by filters. He also mentioned that savvy users can bypass filters easily. Katie looked at the fiscal notes attached to the bill noting that it's unclear if legislators realized cost or how that funding was to be obtained. Concerns were also raised about who determines the value of any particular content, the potential for filters to block legitimate sites, and how important it is for underserved students to be able to check out hotspots for homework and research purposes. Bette will gather more information on how or whether the Idaho Library Association and Idaho Commission for

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Libraries plan to request modification of the bill. In addition, a meeting with legislators will be scheduled (likely in early November) to specifically address library issues and laws. Kiki and Katie both noted that there is precedent to modify laws passed at the end of legislative sessions.

Bette said that Christopher is working on repurposing five of the laptops from the lab to be available for patrons to check out for in-library use.

The City's comprehensive plan review is kicking off on September 26. Bette was involved in a preliminary meeting several weeks ago.

City Council Liaison. Groundbreaking for new museum just took place. The Atlas project bid process resulted in only one bid which was rejected. Woody McEvers is the council liaison to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC). Kiki urged Bette to be on the lookout for a new parking proposal going out for review. Kiki also mentioned the city is conducting a cost analysis for events.

Lake City Library. School hours resumed. JD is refreshing collections and has asked that a scanner be provided for library patrons. Plans for that are in the works.

Friends of the Library. The Friends are on track to meet their goal of \$1,000 per month in revenue.

Library Foundation: The Mudgy & Millie birthday party was a great success. Holly noted that there were lots of tiny tots attending and many copies of the original book were sold. Susan Nipp is on track to have the Costa Rica book out in December. She and Charlie are planning to give each attendee at the Santa & Mudgy event a free book. "Reading for the Library" featuring Sharma Shield and Simeon Mills are scheduled for October 11. No tickets have been sold to date.

Student representative. No student has been appointed at this point. Craig Northrup offered to promote through the Press. Kiki suggested that a library staff member regularly attend school board meetings. Bette noted that Char Beach attends monthly school librarian meetings. Fay suggested that information might be routed through school guidance counselors.

Legislator reception. The Board urged Bette to develop hands on demonstrations including a hotspot. They want legislators to realize they unanimously support a relook at House Bill 194.

Board terms. Ann has been reappointed!

Holiday schedule. Motion approve, Saylor; second, Ann. Approved.

Personnel. Andrew Thrasher, former intern from the Department of Labor, was hired as a library circulation clerk.

Next scheduled meeting is October 23 starting at 4 pm in the Jameson Room to discuss long range planning.

Adjourned 5:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bette Ammon

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