



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

September 26, 2018

Trustees Present:

Fay Sweney
Kraig Lysek
Ann Smart
Steve McCrea
Katie Sayler

Others:
Isabel Bartosh, student rep
Bette Ammon, director
Kiki Miller, council liaison
Susan Thorpe, children's supervisor
Holly Stetson, foundation manager

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

Consent Calendar: Motion to approve Consent Calendar, Sayler; second, Smart; Approved.

Director's report: Since the fiscal year ends this month, Bette is reviewing grants received and expenditures. The library received nearly \$8,000 in grants this year – some for conference attendance, and others for programs such as Fabslam (3d printing) and drones and early literacy and stem programming and more! Char Beach just received notice that we'll have an additional early literacy grant this next year to the tune of \$7,500. The library participated in the city's Park(ing) it on Sherman event last week taking Lompu – giving out books to kids and answering questions. Next week five staff will be attending the Idaho Library Association conference in Moscow.

Susan presented summer reading program statistics. A higher percentage finished their reading logs than last year. She also spoke about how kids vote for their schools every time they visit the library and the schools qualify for free books for their school libraries. Funded by the Friends, nearly over 50 books will be purchased and distributed.

City council liaison: The city budget was approved at the first council meeting in September. The Atlas project is moving forward with a traffic study coming soon. Kiki is working with a group to add comments to the performing arts center feasibility study.

Lake City Library. JD completed the move back to Lake City High School and is now open for business five days a week. The high school librarian requested that we add Fridays to the schedule.

Friends of the Library: The Friends allocated \$500 for the school library recognition program described above. They received a huge donation of books from a former bookstore in the Silver Valley. The NIC wrestling team helped them load rented trucks.

Library Foundation: Holly reported on a wonderful evening of tributes to the Mudgy and Millie project. People who have been involved over the past ten years heard sculptor Terry Lee, illustrator

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Chuck Reasoner, and author Susan Nipp describe the process and got a preview of the new Mudy & Millie Aussie Adventures book. The 10 year birthday party the following day was an enormous success with about 450 attending. Upcoming is a Novel Destination on October 19 and a film festival on November 9. Thanks to Holly from the trustees for how hard she works on these successful programs.

Student Representative: Isabel continues to be interested in having a library connection for Charter students since they have no school library.

Coeur d'Alene Press digitization project. Use statistics are looking impressive with files loaded up to the mid-1930s. The trustees would like this to stay on the agenda monthly.

Budget. City Council approved the city budget which includes the library budget as submitted. Motion to approve, Lysek; second; Smart. Approved.

Long Range Planning. Tabled to November meeting to begin at 3:30. Both Steve and Fay will be absent for the October meeting.

Open meeting law changes. Reviewed by McCrae with a recommendation to signify action items on future agendas including the consent calendar. We've been publishing on the library's website and will post on our Facebook page as well. The city will provide a link to our agenda on the library's website.

Closed dates FY 18-19. Holiday schedule includes closures on holidays with the exception of President's Day and adopting the city holiday schedule with closures on the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. Motion to approve, Saylor; second, Sweney. Approved.

American Indian Heritage Month: Celebrating this in November in conjunction with the Indian Education Coordinator for the school district. We'll be featuring grandmother stories with a dreamcatcher craft, the premier of our story walk in McEuen Park with Native American picture books, the discussion of Louise Erdrich's "Love Medicine" at the Pageturner's Book discussion, and the film festival on November 9 which will feature a Native American film.

Personnel. With the departure of library clerk Leslie Smith in July, Susan, Tyler, and Melissa interviewed seven candidates and hired Mamie Mitchell who will start in October.

Other. Citing a trustee information report from the Idaho Commission for Libraries, Katie asked that the trustees be cognizant of the impact on library staff when co-workers may be on prolonged leave. She recommends that Bette talk to the city's human resources department to see if there are strategies available so that departments can properly function without overloading other staff. The trustees encourage Bette to use her vacation days and appreciate that other library staff are allowed to use theirs. It was noted by Kiki that the amount of vacation accrued is a generous city benefit.

Other. Ann suggested sending flowers to Deanna Goodlander who has been ill. All agree that her contributions as city council liaison were invaluable in building this new library.

Next scheduled meeting October 24, 2018 at 4 pm in the Jameson Room.

Adjourned 5:15 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,
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