



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

May 23, 2018

Trustees Present:

Fay Sweney
Kraig Lysek
Ann Smart
Steve McCrea

Others:

Isabel Bartosh, alt student rep
Bette Ammon, director
Holly Stenson, Foundation manager

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Chairman McCrea.

Consent Calendar: Motion to approve Consent Calendar, Sweney; Second, Smart. Approved.

Director's Report: Bette noted that Christopher is ordering three charging stations to be placed throughout the library. Kraig asked if they will include cables (Christopher says yes). Database use statistics are down; Christopher and Bette continue to be uncertain of the way use is counted in the Discovery system.

Lake City Library. JD is preparing to move to Skyway on June 8 – the last day of school.

Friends of the Library: The Friends allocated \$500 for a Story Walk program that will be installed in McEuen. The first story will likely be a Native American tale. The Friends also voted to provide \$1000 to the Pageturner bookclub. Katie Sayler made the presentation noting that this program has been going on for nine years and has steady attendance. In addition, the Friends discussed providing funds for the wrap that will eventually decorate Lompu II.

Library Foundation: The Songbird benefit concert was a great success with over \$11,000 raised, primarily through the paddle raise. The music was wonderful and 93 tickets were sold. A successful Novel Destination was held last week as well.

Student Representative: Isobel suggested we promote the Writer's Competition to all high school English teachers. She feels as though Charter School students, in particular, would participate. Kraig noted that naming the competition after Julie Meier is perfect.

No smoking campus. Bette showed the mock-up for the signs that are being manufactured and funded by Panhandle Health. They'll be completed and installed in the next few weeks. Fay asked how this will

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be enforced. City staff will initially notify smokers and point to signage. The police department's ambassador program staff will also be talking to smokers. Repeat offenders may face a fine.

Coeur d'Alene Press digitization project: Christopher received a sample file from the scanning company. Bette hopes to have something to show at the next board meeting. Steve asked if the server here was ready to go; Bette acknowledged that Christopher is working on it. He has created a logo and a potential website called CDA (Coeur d'Alene Digital Archives). We're hoping to host other links to historical information as well. Bette has been in touch with the school district to see if digital copies of yearbooks are available.

Long range planning. June's board meeting will begin at 3:30 to go over the planning powerpoint and begin the long range planning process.

Budget. Bette met with Troy two weeks ago to present the preliminary budget. Troy suggested starting the computer upgrades this year funded with savings from the previous fiscal year. The keycard reader replacement item was moved to the Parks Department. All other requests are staying in the budget at this time subject to review by the City Council. That budget meeting is scheduled for June 28th.

Personnel. Currently all positions are filled. Jodi Hansen and Leslie Smith are on board as circulation clerks.

Summer programs. The board will soon be seeing promotions for summer programs for all ages. Tyler received a grant – Ready Set Drones! – and will soon be organizing a stem program training session in July. A representative from the police department will attend as well.

Inspire program. Steve talked about a potential collaboration with the University of Idaho and the Innovation Den centered on free coding training being offered throughout Idaho. Attendees will learn to code using Swift – an Apple coding system. Discussion followed about how the library can partner. Can we offer iMacs or laptops here? Difficult to say until Bette talks to Troy and City IT. Kraig is concerned over loading Christopher. If we do dive into the Mac world, we'd likely have to pay for outside technical support and it's uncertain whether or not this could be on the city network. Steve strongly urges Bette to investigate. She'll contact a library in Helena MT that ran on an Apple system and Holly will look at potential grants.

Next scheduled meeting June 27, 2018 at 3:30 pm in the Jameson Room.

Adjourned 5:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bette Ammon

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