



**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Coeur d'Alene Public Library Board of Trustees  
January 25, 2017**

**Trustees Present:**

Katie Saylor  
Fay Sweney  
Steve McCrea  
Kraig Lysek  
Ann Smart

**Others:**

Bette Ammon, director  
Kiki Miller, council liaison  
Holly Stetson, foundation manager  
Melissa Searle, Ref & TS manager  
Cassidee Smidt, student rep

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:03 P.M. by Chairman Sweney.

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

**Foundation:** Holly reported that the Mudgy & Millie & Santa singalong in December was a grand success with many new families attending. Mary Sanderson presented an encore Novel Destinations featuring her spirit bear kayaking trip. In February, Novel Destinations will feature a trip to Ethiopia. At the Foundation's annual retreat they allocated \$35,000 for library purchases. In addition the Foundation board is eager to celebrate the library's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in this building. Saylor asked for suggestions on the next stage of building improvement as a part of the celebration. On April 21, the main annual Foundation fundraiser will take place featuring Woody Guthrie's songs and history.

**City Council Liaison.** Kiki asked everyone to hold June 9 on their calendars for Family Day in the Park sponsored by the North Idaho Family Group. They hope to have a library presence – maybe Mudgy & Millie? She reminded the board to send her library announcements to make at council meetings. Kiki has recently been appointed to a newly formed historical preservation board and hopes to forge library partnerships through that.

**Director's report:** Bette distributed information about the Book-a-librarian program we began in late November. Fifteen sessions have occurred so far with three staff members, Angela Flock, Crystal Miller, and Talley Gaskins, conducting the targeted trainings. So far they've worked with patrons who need help with various devices and software including cellphones, tablets, laptops, ebook downloads and more. The Board was impressed by the comments and great library service. Lysek suggested that we look into purchasing an exterior reader board to advertise innovative programs like this and to celebrate the building birthday. Bette also announced that the Pacific NW Library Association is holding their annual conference in Post Falls in Idaho. Several CdA library staff members are involved with conference planning.

**Lake City PL.** Door count for December down somewhat which is not surprising due to the 2 week winter break.

**Friends:** This month the Friends allocated \$500 for kindle content. As expected the program is popular with multiple holds on the two high demand fiction devices currently circulating. We've purchased two more and plan to add another high demand fiction and one high demand non-fiction.

**CdA Press digitization project.** Just received an email from Hagadone staff. A meeting is set for Wednesday, February 1 at 2pm.

**Discovery.** The Ebsco OpenAthens discovery team is beginning their configuration creating out custom catalog and holdings management. Christopher is sending them our catalog data this week.

**Mudgy & Millie trademark.** It was noted that another company is selling merchandise with photographs of one of the Mudgy statues. With assistance from city attorney Mike Gridley, that issue is currently being researched. McCrea supports the city and the Foundation moving forward to protect the trademark.

**Makerspace survey results.** Twenty five individuals responded to the online survey and nineteen filled out the in-house paper surveys. Results vary but so far it seems a lot of people are interested in digital photography, 3D modeling and printing and robotics. Comments varied and included recommendations for woodworking, welding, textiles, sewing, history, and more with several people offering their expertise as trainers.

**Hotspots.** Holly is moving forward with this project and in the midst of grant writing. This program has the full support of the Foundation board. Discussion followed about loan periods. Lysek suggested possibly having two checkout periods, one with a quick turnaround and a longer one for people who need more sustained internet access.

**Election.** The nominating committee of one, Ann Smart, nominated Steve McCrea as chair and Kraig Lysek as vice-chair. Motion to approve, Smart; second, Sayler. Approved

**Historical museum.** Two houses just south of the southern city hall parking lot are being demolished. There is some discussion about a new building being located there for the historical museum. Sayler recommends the library be included in the plans with the possibility of creating a joint outside programming space.

**Next meeting.** March 1 at 4pm in the Jameson Room.

**Adjournment:** Adjourned 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bette Ammon