



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

September 27, 2017

Trustees Present:

Katie Sayler
Fay Sweney
Kraig Lysek

Others:

Cassidee Smidt, student rep
Holly Stetson, foundation manager
Isabel Bartosh, alt student rep
Bette Ammon, director
Susan Thorpe, Children's librarian

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

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

Director's Report: Bette noted that she and four other staff members will be in Boise next week attending the Idaho Library Association conference. Fay will be attending as well. Susan talked about the Summer Reading Program statistics. Participation this year increased by 200 children and programs were well attended. Next year we'll be offering an online way to keep track of reading time. As always, students coming to the library throughout the summer are encouraged to "vote" for their school by dropping a ticket in a designated can. Visits are tallied and, in the past, the winning school received a traveling trophy. Because one nearby school predominately wins, the decision this year is to provide school libraries with free books (of their choice) based on the number of tickets submitted for their schools. The hope is this will provide incentives for subsequent reading programs and benefit school libraries who have very small book budgets. Susan also brought attention to a book launch scheduled for Saturday, September 30. 'Beauty and the Beak' by Janie Veltkamp is a book about a rescued bald eagle.

City Council Liaison. Kiki is running again for city council and is unopposed. She noted that after the election there may be changes in the committee assignments and, while she loves the library, if the Board wants a different council person serving it won't hurt her feelings. Kiki noted that Jim Hammond is retiring in December so there will be changes in city administration. She is focusing on the Atlas Mill site acquisition and mentioned that the performing arts center feasibility study will be available soon.

Friends of the Library: The Friends allocated \$500 to purchase books to distribute to schools per program mentioned above.

Library Foundation: The 10th anniversary party was a wonderful success. The board noted that all who attended felt honored and proud, and many spoke about how new the library still looks. The carnival celebration the following day was also well attended and great fun. Bette estimates there were at least

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one thousand children and adults who were here throughout the afternoon. Holly said the Mudy & Millie birthday celebration garnered the usual participants plus some new families who may now attend every year. Holly said the next Foundation event is November 19th – Reading for the Library featuring Emily Ruskovich, author of the book ‘Idaho’ will be at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$20 and will be available through Brown Paper Tickets after Friday this week.

Budget: The City’s annual budget which includes the library was approved at the September 5 City Council meeting. Motion to approve the library budget as presented, Sayler; second, Sweney. Approved.

Discovery. The CIN libraries are in the middle of a two week soft opening for the Discovery single search. Bette demonstrated some of the searches.

Calendar. Motion to approve 2017-2018 holiday closures, Sayler; second, Sweney. Approved.

Code of Conduct: Inspired by something similar at Spokane Public Library, David developed a sample Code proposal for our library. Much discussion followed with the suggestion to post it online with links to the full policy. The board liked the welcome message and the instruction to contact library staff if patrons are disturbed.

Board terms. Steve McCrea’s term expires this month. He is interested in being reappointed. The Board agrees; Bette will contact the Mayor’s office.

Parkside door. Bette will contact Bill Greenwood’s office to ask about smell mitigation.

Next scheduled meeting October 25 at 4pm.

Adjourned 5:08.

Respectfully submitted,
Bette Ammon