



**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Coeur d'Alene Public Library Board of Trustees
June 22, 2016**

Trustees Present:

Katie Saylor
Fay Sweney
Steve McCrea
Kraig Lysek
Ann Smart

Others:

Bette Ammon, director

Holly Stetson, foundation manager
Melissa Searle, reference manager
Isabel Baratosh, alt. student rep

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

Consent Calendar: Motion to approve, Saylor; second, Smart. Approved. The Library Board and the Foundation Board are enjoying the Farmers Market reports. The Foundation is paying for the space.

Director's report: Bette met with Deanna Goodlander today about the Art Commission sponsored bike racks that will involve a call for artists. They identified two places near the library entrances that would be useful and attractive for patrons. Deanna anticipates the call will go out in August with maquettes displayed at the library for public input over the winter. Installation would be in Spring 2017.

Friends: The Friends allocated \$2000 to continue paying for youth program supplies. Isabel attended the Volunteer Breakfast and really enjoyed it.

Foundation: The Patsy Cline concert was a huge success with a full house. The Foundation gained thirteen new advocates through the 'raise your boot' activity. A total of \$15,000 was raised which is the most for a single event. The Jess Walter event was also successful with approximately \$4000 garnered. Two new Foundation board members were recently appointed – Jo Seeley and Jackie Jameson.

Lake City PL. Summer hours are established and began on June 13. Monday and Wednesday, 9am – 1pm; Tuesday 1-5; Thursday 1-7. A portable sign has been purchased and will be displayed during open hours. Programs include a weekly storytime, lego club, and the teen writing club. Summer reading prizes will also be distributed there.

TV whitespace and alternatives. Kraig, Kiki, Christopher, Kirk Johnson (City IT) and Bette met with Mike Kennedy and his technical advisor about the TV whitespace concept. It turns out to be more complicated with more limited access than we first envisioned. Instead Bette and Christopher are now looking at providing hotspots for patron checkout. The website TechSoup has a program for nonprofits that is very affordable and is something the Foundation is interested in funding.

CdA Press digitization project. Bette is encouraged that a July meeting to discuss terms is being scheduled with Hagadone officials.

Long Range Plan review. The Board reviewed and revised Goal #3 and worked on a new marketing goal which becomes Goal #8. See attached revisions. Motion to approve amended goals, Lysek; second, Saylor. Approved. Discussion followed about the importance of marketing. Isabel provided information on Twitter and Instagram.

PSA workshop: McCrea attended this workshop along with David.

Budget: The next step in the city's budget process is the budget workshop scheduled on July 13 from 8am – noon. At this time department heads will learn what revenues are available. The emphasis this year is on hiring firefighters and police officers. Bette distributed copies of her evaluation from Jim Hammond. It was very favorable and showed strong support for the library and its importance to the community.

Personnel: Bette announced that Talley Gaskins has been hired to be the new Young Adult Services Coordinator. Talley has experience at Boise Public Library and Meridian Public Library, and is working on her Masters in Information and Library Science online. Her first day is June 27. Two circulation clerks are leaving. Linda Discerni is retiring in June and Mykkel Menschling will be deployed in July.

Discovery. Bette and Melissa provided a quick demonstration of the Discovery search process. The Board observed how a single search can yield access to books in the Koha catalog plus newspaper articles, magazines, and other database offerings. CIN hopes to go live with this exciting search overlay in September and we anticipate that our databases use will increase dramatically.

Board photo. Postponed to next meeting.

Other. Katie asked about having the big tree outside the terrace pruned again. Bette will contact the urban forester and ask. Katie also wondered if the library could arrange for programs here that would help patrons learn the new common core math so they can help their children. Bette will contact the school district and see if they have someone available to do that.

Next meeting. Next meeting July 27, 2016 at 4pm.

Adjournment: Adjourned 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bette Ammon