

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

October 22, 2014

Trustees Present:

Others:

Katie Sayler

Doug Fagerness Melissa Searle, Ref & TS supervisor

Steve McCrea Cassidee Smidt, student rep
Ann Smart via Facetime Bette Ammon, director

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:05 P.M. by Chairman Sayler.

Consent Calendar: Ann remarked on the young adult programs, noting that the attendance numbers continue to be impressive.

Friends/Foundation: The Friends meeting is next week. The Foundation is postponing Ruth's retirement party due to the death of her husband, Paul.

Director's annual review: Tabled until the Chair receives input from the city peer review process.

School/community library exploratory committee. A meeting of this group is scheduled for October 23. Steve and Doug will be attending on behalf of the board. Two school district representatives will be attending as well.

Student representative. Cassidee asked if the Kroc Center would become a bookmobile stop. There may be library services available there at some future time related to the school/community library exploration.

Annual statistics review. Bette talked about the annual statistics and brought attention to the increased door count numbers as well as program attendance and huge increase in ebook and online music use. Online database use fell but the expectation is that this will turn around with the addition of Rosetta Stone. The board expressed their pride in the measure of work done and send accolades to the entire staff. The review is a good measure of accomplishments for the past year.

Personnel update. We have a part-time library clerk vacancy and the city human resources department will be advertising for that shortly. Discussion followed about the difficulty the interview committee has, at times, finding candidates who can work schedules that include morning, afternoon, evening and weekend shifts.

Review of new databases. The board took a look at some of the new (and legacy) databases the library provided. These included the local newspaper database, Rosetta Stone, Global Road Warriors, History and Literary Reference Centers, Reference USA and tutorials on Learning Express.

Next meeting – combined November & December meetings: December 10, 2014

Adjournment: Adjourned 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bette Ammon