



**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Coeur d'Alene Public Library Board of Trustees
December 11, 2013**

Trustees Present:

Katie Saylor
Steve McCrea
Fay Sweney
Ann Smart (via Facetime)
Doug Fagerness

Others:
Michelle Nolan, student rep
Deanna Goodlander, liaison
Kaity Widmyer, alt. student rep
Bette Ammon, director

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:09 P.M. by Chairman Saylor.

Consent Calendar: Motion to approve Consent Calendar, McCrea; second, Fagerness. Approved.

Friends/Foundation: The Friends allocated \$1000 toward the purchase of more e-books. It's a timely donation – a recent meeting of North Idaho young adult librarians learned that one result of Common Core standards in the schools is more nonfiction reading and young adults like to download those reading materials. The Friends also recently funded the custom table for the new library document printer. The Foundation won the CdA Chamber Education Award for their work with the Retool project, Mudgy & Millie book and trail, and the upcoming Lodge of the Storyteller project. They're holding the 2nd annual Mudgy & Millie sing-along with Santa on December 21.

Seed saver project: Doug has been preserving and packaging seeds and brought sample labels and seeds. He drafted a letter to send to the University of Idaho Master Gardeners as well as local gardening efforts asking for their support of a seed saver library. His idea is to be available one afternoon a week here in the library to collect and distribute seeds (alongside a display of gardening books). Bette will ask Sherry (ILL person and gardener) to create a list of all the community gardens in the city. Motion to approve sending the letter from the library, McCrea; second, Sweney. Approved.

CdA Press Digitization: This project started last month. The first 42 rolls of microfilm were sent to Comstor, a Spokane firm and Christopher is working with them to insure that the scanning is exactly what we want. The Community Library Network and NIC library are partnering with us with the University of Idaho Library potentially stepping in as well. Suggestion from the Board to ask the CdA Press for a contribution.

Student representative: Welcome to Kaity Widmyer who was recently appointed as an alternative student representative. She's a senior at Lake City High School who participates in track, loves to read, and hopes to attend NYU next year.

Department head meeting with newly elected: This meeting is scheduled for December 12 and Bette will present a brief synopsis of the library. Deanna advised focusing on a single issue in the next year such as increasing weekend hours and increasing staff to do so.

Lodge of the Storyteller: The study room next to Bette's office is painted with a stunning mural and Barbara Mueller is providing workshops on oral storytelling and preserving family histories.

Personnel information: One of our recently hired clerks resigned due to family obligations. We're welcoming new clerk, Mary Comfort and new page, Laura Adair.

Other: Doug praised library staff for wonderful programs and David's successful grant for the Smithsonian display. Fay asked about impact of the Affordable Care Act. Bette noted that the staff is not being asked to assist patrons to the extent we anticipated. Steve requested the article in the October 27 Cda Press about Bette be included with these minutes.

This is Deanna's last meeting as council liaison. She has loved being on this committee and is proud of the new library and appreciative of the hardworking Board. In turn, the Board thanked Deanna for her unwavering library support and commitment to the community. This committee will have a new council liaison appointed in January.

Next meeting: January 22, 2014 4 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn, McCrea; second, Sweney. Adjourned 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bette Ammon