

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

April 30, 2008

Trustees Present: Kathleen Saylor, Chairman
Kathy Canfield-Davis
Steve McCrea
Ann Smart
Fay Sweney

Others Present: Deanna Goodlander, Council Liaison
Bette Ammon, Director
Suzanne Podrabsky, Administrative Asst.

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

Consent Calendar: Motion by Smart and seconded by KCD to accept the calendar. Motion carried.

Strategic Plan Update: The strategic plan workshop involved a slideshow and a review of City activities followed by a random question and answer session between council and department heads.

The board felt that lobbying efforts need to continue about the value of libraries and alternative ways to alleviate pressure on staff may need to be discussed. Perhaps new staff could be added throughout the year instead of just at the beginning of the budget

Foundation: The Tea and Tunes concert will coincide with the next Library Board Meeting; therefore the board meeting will begin at 4:30. Tea and Tunes features music from the Great American Songbook performed by the eclectics. Refreshments and sing-a-longs will add to the event.

Ironman: Should the library remain open during this event which falls directly in the path of both parking and those who are participating? Motion made by Sweney and 2nd by KCD to close the library June 22, 2008 during the event.

Budget: The preliminary budget includes a few increases:

Because the number of catalog work stations has increased, CIN participation fees will increase as well.

Utilities are difficult to predict but will no doubt increase.

Requesting a \$20,000 capital increase for materials

The director noted that many full time employees have large accruals of vacation. When they are out for any length of time it becomes increasingly difficult to cover the public desk which makes an impact on customer service.

The preliminary budget shows the projected figures are on the final page.

Motion made by McCrea and 2nd by KCD to approve the preliminary budget.

Poetry Slam! The poetry slam was a resounding success with over 80 youth and adults in the audience. Many congratulations to David Townsend for organizing this event as well as many others this past year.

Former Library: The Salvation Army will be renting the Harrison building. No future plans are known at this time.

Retirement: Priscilla 'Pat' Kelly retired after working for the library for 16 years as book mender. The Board and Staff wish her well.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Smart and seconded by KCD to adjourn at 5:30.

Respectively submitted,

Suzanne Podrabsky,
Administrative Asst.