

Wilsonville Public Library
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 3, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reggie Gaines, Chair; Caroline Berry, Vice-Chair; Hilly Alexander; Megan Chuinard; Alan Steiger; Fiona Graham, Youth Representative

STAFF PRESENT: Patrick Duke, Library Director; Andrea Erickson, Library Secretary

CITY COUNCIL LIAISONS: Richard Goddard, excused

The meeting was called to order by Chair Reggie Gaines at 6:33 P.M. in the Director's Conference Room at the Library.

Minutes of the October 22, 2014, meeting were approved as distributed.

ONGOING BUSINESS/CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Youth Services – Fiona Graham reported that 40 teens attended the "Hunger Games" event on November 14. The next Teen event is a movie marathon scheduled for December 19. The Teen Advisory Board has planned teen events through spring.

2. Librarian's Report – Pat Duke reported that Youth Services programs are winding down before winter break. Next week is the last week of fall programs, with special appearances by Santa Claus.

A statewide "StORytime" (Storytime in Oregon) initiative is underway to build early literacy by encouraging parents to engage with their children through stories and everyday activities like reading, talking, singing, and playing. Through December 31, they have a donation program where donors can donate money that will buy books for children in local elementary schools, and Umpqua Bank will match the donations up to \$100,000. Wilsonville Kiwanis is considering donating enough to provide a book for each child in a grade level determined by each school's principal.

An early literacy grant for training professional child care providers in Clackamas County has been approved. On January 23, 2015, Clackamas County child care providers will receive training on "Reading for Healthy Families," which will give individuals tools for talking with parents about reading to their children.

The Facility Master Plan is underway for the City of Wilsonville. An architectural consultant will make recommendations and projections for all City of Wilsonville buildings for the next twenty years. The first phase will occur in the next few weeks as a snapshot of each building is taken and possible renovation work is determined.

Prof. John Ehrstine will present an eight week class on American essays entitled "Talking Heads of the Printed Page". The class will run January 21 through March 11.

Some patrons have complained about the slow wi-fi access in the library. A speed test showed that the speed when the library is closed is 6 Mbps, and 600 Kbps when the library is open. Pat will see about adjusting the speeds to 2-3 Mbps.

3. Strategic Planning Review with Friends & Foundation – Tabled for January meeting.

4. Friends Report – Pat Duke reported that the Friends have provided to the library \$320,000 since 2002, primarily from sales through the bookstore of donated materials. The Friends presented a proposed budget which will include additional funding for adult programs. The funding for children and teen programs will be combined in a single "youth programs" budget line.

5. Foundation Report – Alan Steiger reported that a guest at the last meeting has become a Board member. The Foundation is discussing fundraising options, with the possibility of adding different and/or additional events in the future. Upcoming are officer elections and budgeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Teacher Memberships – Pat Duke reported that the library provides teacher cards to people who teach at schools located in Wilsonville, regardless of the teacher’s own residence. The teacher cards waive overdue charges on the cards, but still require payment for lost items. The library actively solicits this benefit to teachers in Wilsonville schools.

2. Cards for Wilsonville K-6 Students – Reggie Gaines asked about the possibility of providing library card forms to schools for them to give to students at the beginning of the school year. Pat Duke answered that it may be a possibility, and that he would discuss it with Youth Services Librarian Steven Engelfried, who has expertise in this matter.

COUNCIL LIAISON’S COMMENTS: None.

ROUND ROBIN:

Hilly Alexander announced that 600 children have enrolled in Imagination Library.

Andrea Erickson announced that the Adult Winter Reading Program starts January 12.

Caroline Berry announced that she has been selected as a member of the Wilsonville Leadership Academy.

The Board wished each other a happy holiday season, and thanked Fiona Graham for her report.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 P.M.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 28 at 6:30 P.M. at the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Erickson
Board Secretary

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