



Ledding Library Board Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2010

Ledding Library Pond House

Meeting called by: Library Board Chairperson, Tom Hogan

Board Members present: Tom Hogan, Colleen Schacht, Ron Rasch, Kay Sweetland Bower, Mark Docken, Ed Zumwalt and Robert Biswas-Diener.

Library staff: Joe Sandfort

Meeting Minutes

Call to order: Library Board Chairperson Tom Hogan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the January Library Board meeting were approved as submitted.

New business

Librarian's Report: Library Director Joe Sandfort reported that City Recorder Pat Duval is now Milwaukie's Interim City Manager. The City and former City Manager Mike Swanson have agreed on a severance package. Andrew Parks has been appointed as the city's interim Finance Director. Mr. Parks has worked in Bremerton, Washington and in the state of Oregon in Madras, West Linn and Oregon City. Joe then said that he has completed work on the first phase of the library budget for FY 2010-2011. He has asked for increases in funding for purchasing materials in the library's various collections and for the depositing of some funding in the Library Endowment Fund. He then reported that a wireless network would be set up in the library on February 23 and that this work is being paid for the Friends of the Library. Joe further recognized the Friends by saying that they have paid for the recent installation of the shelf check system at the Circulation Desk. On February 19, Joe attended a meeting of the League of Women Voters at Willamette View Manor. At the meeting, he described the basic workings of the Library District and told how the passage of the library district measure has affected the Ledding Library. Joe then concluded his report by

stating that the “Food For Fines” resolution was adopted by the City Council at its February 16th meeting. Food for Fines Week will be held in conjunction with National Library Week – from April 11 to April 17. During this period, 50¢ will be removed from a patron’s fine record for each item of food donated. The food that is collected will be given to the Oregon Food Bank.

General Comments: Library Board member Mark Docken moved that the Board supports the library budget for FY2010-11 as submitted and that increased funding from the library district that is not used in the library’s budget be placed in the Library Endowment Fund to be used for the future expansion of the library.

Library Board Chair Tom Hogan reported he is the community advisor for Milwaukie High School Senior Andrew Van Der Pas’ senior project. The project as envisioned by Mr. Van Der Pas is to stage a poetry reading before the end of the school year.

Old Business

Library District Advisory Committee: Board Member Mark Docken is the city of Milwaukie’s representative to the Library District Advisory Committee (LDAC). Mark addressed the issue concerning residents of Tualatin who live in Clackamas County. This group of people will vote in May on whether or not to join the Library District of Clackamas County. If they vote to join the district, their property taxes will increase by 39¢ per thousand. Half the revenue generated by this tax will go to the city of Tualatin and the other half will probably be split among Wilsonville, Lake Oswego and perhaps West Linn. If the measure does not pass, the group will be required to pay \$95.00 per year to use Clackamas County libraries.

Authors’ Quarterly Series (AQS): Library Board member Ed Zumwalt reported that Tom Hogan, Circulation Supervisor Nancy Wittig, Joe Sandfort and he met with Authors’ Quarterly leader Velma Marshall on February 9 at the library. The discussion centered on the promotion of the AQS and how to attract a larger audience. The current format of the series features three authors. Some thought has been given to featuring one author in future programs. It was decided that the three-author format would stay in place for the time being and would be re-evaluated at a later date. Ms Marshall agreed to provide the group with short biographies of the authors that have been chosen for the April 22 event. The group will use this information to develop posters, fliers, press releases and other forms of publicity. Board Member Kay Bower volunteered to help publicize the AQS as she has had much experience in the area. Board Member Ron Rasch asked where the funding for this effort would come from. Tom replied that most of the support for the AQS would be in kind.

Library Programming Policy: Kay distributed a copy of the programming policy used by the North Clackamas Parks District and Milwaukie Center. The policy

appeared to be very comprehensive and may be used to update the Ledding Library's programming policy.

Pond House Art Group: Tom reported that a group from the Art MOB met with Library Board representatives Colleen Schacht and Tom Hogan on February 4. The meeting commenced with a general introduction to the Pond House and an explanation of the agreements that cover its usage. The group determined that there was interest in creating an art venue at the house and that efforts would be made to adapt the environment to this usage. The addition of track lighting was discussed. Board Member Ron Rasch suggested that recessed lighting would be more appropriate for this type of venue. Ron added that a mobile art panel would work well in the space. It was decided that Katie Bendig of the ArtMOB and Colleen Schacht of the Library Board will coordinate future work on this project.

Poetry Series update: Tom reported that Penelope Scambly Schott read her poetry to a full house on February 10. Planning has begun for Paulann Petersen's poetry workshop on April 10th. An open mic event for adult poets will be held on February 25.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.