



## **Ledding Library Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 22, 2010**

**Ledding Library Pond House**

**Meeting called by:** Library Board Chairperson, Tom Hogan

**Board Members present:** Tom Hogan, Colleen Schacht, Ron Rasch, Mark Docken and Ed Zumwalt.

**Absent:** Kay Sweetland Bower and Robert Biswas-Diener

**Library staff:** Joe Sandfort

**Guest:** Andrew Vander Pas

## **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 February 2010 Library Board meeting were approved as submitted.

### **New business**

**Andrew Vander Pas:** Library Board Chair Tom Hogan introduced Andrew Vander Pas to the Board. Andrew is a senior at Milwaukie High School and is working on his senior project. Tom is Andrew's community advisor. Andrew explained to the Board that for his senior project, he will plan, publicize and stage a youth poetry open mic event on April 29 from 6-7:30pm at the Pond House. Andrew will read several of his own poems for the event, provide refreshments and invite attendees to read their poetry as well. He also mentioned that he will invite the audience to critique his poetry. Andrew plans to publish a chapbook of his poetry and will distribute it throughout the community. He then showed the Board a copy of the flier he will use to advertise the event. Andrew read two of his poems to the Board – "Winds of Change" and "Today Was the Day I Died".

The Board shared several ideas with Andrew that might assist him with his project and thanked Tom for his help with Andrew's senior project.

**Librarian's Report:** Library Director Joe Sandfort reported that the city of Milwaukie is experiencing a shortfall in the general fund. On March 16, the city's Interim Finance Director Andy Parks gave the Budget Committee and idea of the effects that 5% and 10% reductions in revenue would have on city departments during FY2010-2011. Joe told the Board that he is currently at work on the library's budget. He then said that the Pond House Book Store Open House has been rescheduled to take place in the summer and that the Friends are looking for volunteers to staff the Sunday Market booth (which will open on June 6) and the Plant Sale on May 8.

### **Old Business**

**Authors' Quarterly Series (AQS):** Library Board member Ed Zumwalt reported that posters and fliers advertising the Authors' Quarterly Series (to be held on April 22) are being distributed throughout Milwaukie. Joe said that he has written a press release that has been sent to local and regional media outlets.

**Library Programming Policy:** The policy was tabled to be discussed at the April Board meeting.

### **Project updates and progress reports**

**Poetry Series update:** Tom reported that Sage Cohen's poetry reading on March 10 drew perhaps the largest attendance at a poetry event to date. Extra poetry reading DVDs have been given to the William Stafford Archives at Lewis and Clark College. Paulann Petersen's poetry writing workshop, to be held on April 10, is filled and has a waiting list. If the waiting list becomes sufficiently long, a second workshop may be planned. Tom is in the process of bringing the "Flash Choir" to Milwaukie. The choir has put William Stafford's poetry to music. A poetry writing workshop for youth has been scheduled for March 31 at Milwaukie High School. An open mic poetry event for youth will be held at the Pond House on March 31 as well. The Board thanked Member Colleen Schacht for doing such a competent job filming the poetry readings.

**Review of Library FY2009-10 Work Plan progress:** Led by Chair Tom Hogan, the Board reviewed the work plan and generally agreed that significant progress has been made on the priorities that have been set for this year. The Willamette Reader's Program (WRP) still faces the obstacle of having to obtain publisher permission to read books on the air. Tom said that he would contact Alicia Hamilton for ideas on how to overcome this problem. The fundraising priority was then discussed. Board member Ed Zumwalt will invite Ledding Library Foundation Director Greg Chaimov to the next Board meeting. Greg will be

asked to provide the Board with current Foundation activities and for fundraising plans and strategies.

**Library District Advisory Committee (LDAC):** Board Member Mark Docken reported that the issue concerning Tualatin's membership in the Library District has dominated recent LDAC agendas. Mark then emphasized that library services area sizes are of extreme importance in the new district model. Within the next two or three years, it is probable that the Oak Lodge and Town Center Libraries will close, thus expanding Ledding Library's service area. Mark recommended that the Board and city start advocating for a fair and reasonable expanded service area for Ledding Library.

**Pond House Art Project:** Colleen has resigned from the ArtMOB.

**General comments:** Ed reported that a group of downtown business people has organized a "First Thursday" art walk for the Main Street area in Milwaukie. The first event will take place on May 7 and Ed said that the organizers are also interested in a poetry presence at the event. Ed then said that the twelfth year of Scott Park summer music concerts is now in the planning stages.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.