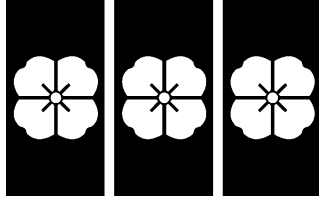


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MILWAUKIE

Ledding Library Board

September minutes

September 24, 2007; 6:30 PM
Library Pond House

Meeting called by:

Greg Chaimov, Library Board Chairperson

Attendees:

Attendees: Ed Zumwalt, Robert Biswas-Diener, Kay Sweetland Bower, Alicia Hamilton and Tom Hogan.

Absent: Colleen Schacht

Public in attendance: Margaret Tarbox

Library Staff: Joe Sandfort

Agenda topics

Approval of minutes

The Board

The minutes of the August 27, 2007 meeting were approved.

Library Director's Report: Joe Sandfort

The Library Director reported that the Library Network's transition from an old main computer/server to a new one was completed on the morning of Thursday, September 20. The switching of servers was necessitated because the old one was no longer under warranty and its failure would have had severe consequences. Consequently, the DYNIX computer system was unavailable from September 17 to 19. During that time, the public catalogs and Internet site were unavailable, and the staff was not able to check items in, place holds, issue new library cards or accept fine money. Materials were checked out with a stand-alone system called PC Reliance. The library staff, the city's computer staff and the library network should all be commended for navigating through a complicated process. When the patron access terminals came up on Thursday, however, it became apparent that the custom programming to make the "card catalog" information intelligible was lost during the migration. This development was completely unexpected and is in the process of being fixed.

Celebrity Reading Program Update: Tom Hogan and
Alicia Hamilton

Tom and Alicia met with City Councilperson Deborah Barnes and North Clackamas School District Community Relations Director Joe Krumm to discuss the Celebrity Reading Program. It was decided that the programs would begin by the end of October and that there would be two per month. It was also decided that the programs would have a moderator; several Board members were interested in sharing this responsibility. The programs would take place at the Sabin – Schellenberg Center and would be filmed by students in the school's Media Communications Department. The programs will be shown on Milwaukie's government access cable television channel.

Milwaukie Poetry Series – Tom Hogan

Milwaukie Poetry Series Committee Chair (and Library Board Member) Tom Hogan reported that he had begun planning for the Poetry Series by contacting several local poets to present poetry readings. Because of scheduling constraints, Tom recommended, and the Committee approved, to move the Poetry Series to the second Wednesday of each month and that the series begin in November on the 14th. Tom has confirmed Paulann Peterson for November 14th, Kim Stafford for December 12th and Vern Rutsala for May 8, 2008. Tom will contact other poets who would present their poems in 2008. Possibilities include Judith Barrington, Barbara Drake and Floyd Skloot. The confirmation process will be completed by September 30th.

Oregon Poet Laureate Lawson Inada will be available for a presentation in the Spring of 2008. The Committee decided that Mr. Inada would not necessarily be one of the Wednesday poets – that he would be an added attraction, not making it necessary for him to come on a Wednesday.

Each poet participating in the program will receive a \$100 honorarium. The Library would be granted \$50 per poet to purchase copies of that poet's works. Remaining funds would cover printing, publicity and possibly an additional workshop. An integral part of the publicity process would be the development of funding for programs in subsequent years.

The programs would probably last for about sixty minutes, which would include questions from those attending. The Committee felt that publicity for the Series would be an important component of its success. To that end, Grady Wheeler was nominated to produce a poster and fliers advertising the series once all the poets have been confirmed. This nomination was based on Grady's skills in marketing and advertising. Both Tom and Ron suggested that the Series should be publicised at other poetry events, workshops and classes.

The next meeting of the Milwaukie Poetry Series Committee will be held on Tuesday, October 9th at 6:30PM in the Library Pond House.

A commemoration of the life of Oregon poet William Stafford will be held at the Library Pond House on Saturday, January 12, 2008.

Library Pond House “Pre-Application” meeting: Greg Chaimov

Joe began the description of this meeting by stating that it took place on Thursday, September 13 and that it was attended by Board Chair Greg Chaimov, Member Colleen Schacht and library staff Joe Sandfort, Nancy Wittig and Jana Hoffman. Greg then provided the following details on the meeting. The library staff had requested that the Pond House be permitted to be used as a cultural center, a meeting room, a storage site and as a bookstore. For these uses to be permitted, a zoning change to a community service use would be needed. This would require a traffic impact study and street and sidewalk improvements. Each of these improvements would require funding that has not been budgeted. This lack of funding could delay or prohibit the opening a Friends of the Library – sponsored bookstore at the Pond House. The Board decided to weigh its options in determining how to deal with this situation.

Measure Wall and Fountain: Ed Zumwalt

Ed reported that a meeting concerning the replacement of the Measure Wall and Fountain was held at the Library on Wednesday, September 19. The meeting was attended by Lorene Griffey, the niece of the Measures, Board member Ed Zumwalt, city of Milwaukie staff JoAnn Herrigel and Beth Ragel and library staff Nancy Wittig and Joe Sandfort. Ed reported that Mrs. Griffey was understandably upset at the removal of the wall, but was assured that the removal was the result of a misunderstanding. Mrs. Griffey spoke of her affection for the Measures and indicated that a bench made of stone would be a suitable replacement for the wall that was removed. Joann will investigate what types of benches should be pursued and Joe offered his help as well. Joe then expressed his concern that there is no money budgeted for a bench or for any other type of replacement memorial and that he might be able to use funds from the library’s budget. The Board felt that Library money should not be used for this project.

Next meeting date and adjournment

The next meeting of the Board will be held at 6:30PM on October 22 at the Library Pond House