

TIGARD PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MINUTES
Thursday, December 13, 2007

Call to Order: 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call

Present at the meeting: Brian Kelly, Chair; Board members Jan Thenell, Richard Heath, Scott Libert and Alternate Jennifer Vasicek; Library Director Margaret Barnes and Alison Grimes, Executive Assistant. Karen Levear, Cecelia Nguyen and David Burke were excused.

Minutes

The November 8, 2007 Board meeting minutes were reviewed and, there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as read.

Motion – Heath	Second – Kelly
Burke – Excused	Levear – Excused
Heath – Aye	Nguyen – Excused
Kelly – Aye	Thenell - Abstain
Libert – Abstain	

Agenda Additions and Deletions

Added *Discussion of Council Goals* to Other Business.

Call to the Public

Trish Stormont, Library Volunteer Coordinator, introduced by Barnes to the Board, presented some Library-wide volunteer statistics and gave a brief overview of the Library's Volunteer Program. The Tigard Library utilizes the largest contingent of volunteers within the City's departments. Financially, in FY 2006/07, volunteers saved the Library approximately \$277,800 by working 14,800 volunteer hours. This equates to \$18.77 per hour. Volunteerism is up, Stormont noted, due to the retirement of younger baby-boomers who wish to give back to their community and more young people who are volunteering to meet college requirements. Also, Library volunteers appear to be having such a positive experience at the Library that they are recruiting their friends.

Stormont invited Board members to attend any of the volunteer orientations she has planned for January so they might learn more about the program.

Monthly Reports for November, 2007

The monthly statistics for November, 2007 were reviewed. Programming still remains popular as does wireless use. The comfy new upholstered chairs finally arrived and are now available in the lobby for patrons.

Tigard City Council is again asking for goal requests from the various city boards. Last year the Library Board suggested:

- ✓ Open Spaces/Park
- ✓ Downtown Development
- ✓ Connectedness – Town Hall, Library, Public Works
- ✓ Culture and Communication

During a quick brainstorming session, Board members came up with the following:

- ✓ Open space/Public space/Community space
- ✓ Community gathering place = Library; youth engagement to activities; skate park a success – what other activities are important to youth
- ✓ Community involvement/engagement; volunteerism
- ✓ Civil discussion – promote exchange of ideas; foster community participation
- ✓ Civic pride, recognition of outstanding achievements
- ✓ Increasing sustainability – “Green City”
- ✓ Support community events; Cook Park a great spot for concerts

Attending Board members were assigned a topic – Heath - youth engagement; Thenell – community connectedness; Vasicek – sustainable “green” city; Libert – recognition of efforts and Kelly – open space/public space and will email each other with their suggestions by Saturday, December 15.

Library Trends:

The latest trend appears to be delivering reading material in an electronic format – e-books, portable reader systems (PRS).

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

The next Library Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Tigard Public Library, 13500 SW Hall Blvd.