

TIGARD PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD MINUTES  
Thursday, March 12, 2009

Call to Order: 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Present at the meeting: David Burke, Chair Pro Tem, Board members Richard Heath, Jan Thenell, Karen Levear and Jennifer Vasicek; Library Director Margaret Barnes and Executive Assistant Alison Grimes. Cecilia Nguyen and Linda Monahan were excused.

Minutes

The February 12, 2009 Board meeting minutes were reviewed and, there being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as read.

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| Motion – Thenell | Second – Vasicek |
| Burke – Aye      | Nguyen – Excused |
| Heath – Aye      | Thenell – Aye    |
| Levear - Abstain | Vasicek - Aye    |

Agenda Additions and Deletions

Due to the unexpected loss of the Board Chair, Brian Kelly, it was necessary to discuss a replacement. The Board recommended current Chair Pro Tem, David Burke, fill the position. Opening the floor for nominations, members suggested David Burke as Chair and Karen Levear as Chair Pro Tem. Both agreed to serve.

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| Motion – Vasicek | Second – Thenell |
| Burke – Aye      | Nguyen – Excused |
| Heath – Aye      | Thenell – Aye    |
| Levear – Aye     | Vasicek - Aye    |

Barnes will check the by-laws and then speak with the Mayor regarding Linda Monahan filling Kelly's unexpired term.

Members discussed various memorials in Kelly's honor; possibly a brick or purchasing a book related to architecture. Vasicek noted that Kelly was a Frank Lloyd Wright fan and all knew he was a devoted family man. It was decided to purchase both an architectural and a children's book to commemorate Kelly's dedication to the Library and life-long learning. Barnes will obtain the books to show Board members at the April meeting.

Call to the Public

None.

## Library Operations

Library statistics show a 6 – 7% increase in Internet use. Internet usage at Tigard Library is over one third of the total Internet traffic in the Cooperative. TPL is the only library in the Cooperative on broadband, which is why patrons need their library card to access the Internet.

425 copies of the book were handed out to those attending the *Stubborn Twig* program. The author's visit and other activities related to *Oregon Reads!* were all well attended.

Statistics from the annual Library Survey are being compiled and will be discussed at next month's board meeting. Barnes noted that, after a cursory review of the statistics, patrons wanting e-mail notification seemed to be the most-requested item. E-mailing patrons that their holds are ready for pick-up will be more efficient and patrons may show up more quickly to get them. This year's survey showed that, overall, patrons are very pleased with the Library.

Skype classes started this week. *The Tigard Times* interviewed Paula Walker, the Library's Communications Coordinator and Ning Wang, Librarian, regarding the program and the article should be in next week's paper.

## Joint Meeting with City Council

The meeting was rescheduled from March to the third Tuesday in May – May 19. Some of the ideas suggested to present to City Council were:

- ✓ Bring in two laptops and show Council how Skype works – Barnes will check with the City's IT division to see what needs to be done to accomplish this.
- ✓ Patrons flocking to the Library during bad times.
- ✓ Library not stagnant – always progressive.

The Board will further discuss the May meeting with City Council during the April Board meeting. Council will also be reminded of the Library 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration coming up in August.

## WCCLS Update

Barnes briefly discussed the report generated by WCCLS, *What You Said: Washington Countians Weigh In On the Future of Their Libraries*, a summary of all 12 libraries in the Cooperative. No decisions were made during the WCCLS meeting concerning the future of libraries. Grimes will email the report to all members for their review. Barnes had attended a follow-up to this meeting today and she felt there wouldn't be many changes made. Libraries in the Cooperative are different from each other and it would be difficult to shift to a standard district at this time.

## Other Business

None.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

The next Library Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Tigard Public Library, 13500 SW Hall Blvd.