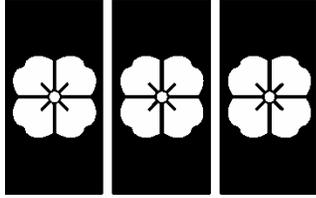


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Ledding Library Board

May minutes

May 19, 2008; 6:30 PM
Library Pond House

Meeting called by:

Colleen Schacht, Library Board Chair

Attendees:

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Absent: Ed Zumwalt, Kay Sweetland Bower and Ron Rasch

Library Staff: Joe Sandfort

Agenda topics

Approval of minutes

The Board

The minutes were approved as written

Library Director Joe Sandfort reported that April 2008 was the second busiest month in Ledding Library history. The busiest month was March 2008. Audiovisual materials and several fiction collections circulated especially well. The general feeling of the Board was that library activity often increases during times of economic uncertainty. Citizens decide to check out library materials instead of purchasing them from retail outlets. The Children's Library staff was especially busy during April. They delivered 160 free books to the 8 classes at River Road Head Start and presented a storytime to each class; delivered summer reading flyers to 5,330 children at 15 Milwaukie-area elementary schools; delivered 50 new baby kits to teen parents enrolled in the PACE program at the Sabin Skills Center and spoke to the PACE Program Student Assembly. All of the above materials were paid for by the Ready to Read Grant from the State of Oregon. Joe then said that the Friends of the Library's Booktique has been closed temporarily and will reopen after the successful completion of the City of Milwaukie's land use application process. The City's Planning Department is assisting the Library staff in this endeavor. Booktique Manager Barbara-Lee Orloff has done an exceptional job selling books and audiovisual materials at the Sunday Market. She should be commended for entrepreneurial spirit and loyalty to the Ledding Library. The Friends of the Library's Plant Sale was once again an impressive success, making almost \$6,100 for the Library. Volunteer Kim Olson and her team of helpers did an outstanding job procuring plants and displaying them for sale. Joe attended a City Budget Committee meeting on May 13th. Budget Committee members reviewed budget figures and listened to public testimony concerning the establishment of a "Quiet Zones" at railroad crossings. Joe then reported that he had received a reply from City Attorney Bill Monohan concerning a copyright issue with the Willamette Reader Program. The Board had asked at its April 2008 meeting if switching sponsorship of the program to the North Clackamas School District would absolve the city of liability due to copyright infringement. Mr. Monohan said that such a switch of sponsorship would not absolve the city of liability if the Board continued to participate in the program. Board Member Tom Hogan then said that Member Robert Biswas-Diener and he were scheduled to meet with Councilperson Deborah Barnes concerning the future of the program on May 20th.

Lowering of fine rate and cap for children's library materials

Joe

Joe requested that the Board lower the fine rate of children's library materials to \$.10 per day from the current rate of \$.25 per day. He then asked that the maximum fine per children's item be reduced from \$3.00 to \$1.00. He explained that several nearby libraries had taken a similar action as a courtesy to their patrons. Parents with small children often check out from 40 to 50 items per visit to the library. Keeping these items just one day overdue can have a drastic financial impact on these families. It is the library staff's opinion that this action will be a positive step in providing affordable service to parents and children. Fines on adult materials will stay at \$.25 per day with a \$3.00 cap. Responding to the Board, Joe promised to monitor the financial impact on the Library's budget and take appropriate action if necessary. The Board then approved the lowering of the fine rate and fine cap for children's library materials. This proposal will go before the Milwaukie City Council at its June 17th meeting. If approved, the new fine rates would take effect on July 1, 2008.

Poetry Series Update

Tom

Tom reported that the Vern Rutsala poetry reading, held at the Pond House on Wednesday, May 14, was another success. A capacity crowd enjoyed Mr. Rutsala's down-to-earth poetry and his insights into childhood experiences and everyday life. Tom then said that the Poetry Workshop to be held on June 14th has a list of eager participants. A Poetry Committee meeting will be held at the Pond House on Monday June 2 at 6:30PM. The Poetry Picnic will be held in the Scott Park Amphitheater at noon on July 26 in conjunction with Festival Daze. Kate Gray will read her poems on June 11th in the final performance of the 2007-2008 Milwaukie Poetry Series. Tom then presented Joe with funds derived from a percentage of the proceeds from the sale of the poets' books at the poetry readings.

Appreciation Event for former Library Board Members

Colleen

The Board would like to thank former Board members Greg Chaimov and Alicia Hamilton for their service to the Library and the City. Two possible dates for this proposed “appreciation” event are Friday June 20 and Monday June 23 (after the completion of the Board meeting). Colleen will ask Alicia and Greg if these dates would be convenient for them.

General Discussion

Colleen Schacht

Colleen encouraged Board members to help at the Friends’ Sunday Market Booth. Colleen, who is scheduled to staff the Booth on May 25, said that working at the booth is both enjoyable and a good way to meet members of the community.

Meeting Adjournment

Colleen Schacht

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

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