



Ledding Library Board Meeting May Meeting Minutes May 26, 2009 Ledding Library Pond House

Meeting called by: Library Board Vice Chairperson, Tom Hogan

Board Members present: Tom Hogan, Mark Docken Ed Zumwalt.

Board Members Absent: Colleen Schacht, Robert Biswas Diener, Ron Rasch and David Janusz

Guests: Laure Redmond and Velma Marshall

Library staff: Joe Sandfort

Meeting Minutes

Call to order: Library Board Vice Chairperson Tom Hogan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the April Library Board meeting were approved.

New business

Librarian's report: Library Director Joe Sandfort reported that the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between Clackamas County and the city of Milwaukie has not yet been signed. This IGA covers the payment of Library Network Office expenses and governs the capital improvement funding which the county will disburse to the cities. The city of Milwaukie is concerned that the agreement will curtail the funding of the Library Network. Joe then said that the next meeting of the city's Budget Committee will be held at City Hall at 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 28. It is hoped that the city's budget will be approved at this meeting. The Pond House Bookstore will be permitted to open as soon as bicycle racks and lighting are installed in the driveway area of the house. This work is

scheduled to take place in late May. Joe then said that the 2009 Plant Sale was an impressive success –the sale grossed over \$8,200 with about \$600 in expenses. Joe concluded his report by stating that an upgrade of the library's public Internet stations for adults should take place in June. The library is purchasing new tables for the public internet workstations that will take better advantage of the available space. The city's IST Department, working with the Library Network Office, will replace the existing thin clients with individual computers. This upgrade will greatly improve the Internet service that the library provides its patrons.

Cosponsored Program Application: "Self Esteem Saves You" by Laure Redmond. The Board then considered whether or not the program by Laure Redmond entitled "Self Esteem Saves You" falls within the library's program policy. Ms Redmond explained that she would like to hold two such programs at the Pond House – one on July 15 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm and the other on August 12 at the same time of day. Ms Redmond went on to say that she and her programs have been featured in O, the Oprah Magazine and AM Northwest, as well as in several other media outlets. Ms Redmond is a Milwaukie resident and is the author of a book called Feel Good Naked: 10 no-diet secrets to a fabulous body. Ms Redmond explained that the phrase "feel good naked" is used as a metaphor for having positive feelings about oneself. The Board impressed upon Ms Redmond that programs at the Pond House are limited to 48 attendees by order of the Fire Marshall. She assured the Board that this directive would be followed and that there would be no charge for the program. The Board did agree, however, that Ms Redmond's books could be sold at the programs, as the attendees will not be required to buy them. The Board members found Ms Redmond's presentation well-organized and impressive.

Cosponsored Program Application: Authors' Quarterly Series by Velma Marshall: Ms Marshall explained that her series would begin in mid-July and take place every three months. At each quarterly meeting, three local authors would each give a short reading of his or her works. Following the readings, those in attendance would discuss the various aspects of writing with the authors. The Board felt that authors should have permission to sell their books, but that 15% of the proceeds should go to the Friends of the Ledding Library. Board Member Mark Docken suggested that Ms Marshall contact the Wilsonville Public Library, as that library currently has a similar series in place. Board Vice Chair Tom Hogan asked Ms Marshall to bring a detailed year long plan to the next Poetry Committee meeting, which will be held on June 23. Tom emphasized that this plan should include specific dates for all programs, biographies of each author-participant and a description of the methods that will be used to publicize the programs.

Program Approval Process: As there was not a quorum of members present at the meeting, those in attendance expressed their unanimous support of both Ms Redmond's and Ms Marshall's applications and asked that Joe send queries on

these two issues to the rest of the Board. When Joe receives responses to these emails, he will inform Ms Redmond and Ms Marshall of the Board's decisions.

Poetry Series update: Tom Hogan began his update by sharing the survey form by which the second season of the Poetry Series will be evaluated; these forms are now in the process of being distributed. Tom then reported that he is planning the third season of the Poetry Series with Paulann Petersen. Tom and other local poets will read their poetry at the city-sponsored brunch for volunteers to be held on May 30. Vern Rutsala will lead a poetry workshop at the Pond House on May 30 as well. The youth poetry event held at the Pond House on May 14 was well attended. Tom concluded his update by giving an account of a meeting that facilitated the placement of the poetry readings on the city's website in streaming video format.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.