

OLATHE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
April 16, 2008

The regular April meeting of the Olathe Public Library Board was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by President Wes McCoy. Members present were Rodney Birch, Dana Campbell, Jack Hansen, Tom Hutcheson, Cliff Tatham (Chairperson of Olathe Public Library Foundation Board) and Library Director Emily Baker. Absent was Darryl Ashley, Cathie Bennie, Peggy Ingle (President of the Friends of the Library), and Mayor Michael Copeland. Also attending were consultants Laura Isenstein and Dan Bradbury and library employees Leslie Ellsworth and Mary Linse.

There were no public comments.

1. TWENTY-YEAR MASTER PLAN

Laura Isenstein presented the Olathe Public Library Facilities Plan Recommendations. Facilities, capital costs and operating costs were reported by Ms. Isenstein. Dan Bradbury discussed possible options for funding and partnership development.

2. READING OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the library board meeting of March 26th were reviewed. Dana Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the library board meeting of March 26th. Seconded by Rodney Birch and motion passed.

3. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

4. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Emily Baker gave the treasurer's report. Jack Hansen moved to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Dana Campbell and motion passed.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

The March expenditures and 3M Library Systems Service Agreement were reviewed. Tom Hutcheson moved to approve the March expenditures and 3M Library Systems Service Agreement. Seconded by Dana Campbell and motion passed.

6. REPORT OF LIBRARY DIRECTOR

The monthly report was given by Library Director Emily Baker. Circulation for the main library increased 3.7 % and increased 1.8 % for Indian Creek Branch with a combined circulation increase of 2.7 %. The main gate count was up 2.6 % and the Indian Creek Branch gate count was down 5 % with a combined gate count decrease of 1.2 %. The number of combined volunteer hours increased 21.2 % and the number of combined volunteers decreased 4.6 %. Website visits have increased 28.4 % from one year ago.

Ms. Baker reported the main entry remodel has been completed except for the concrete staining. The contractors are waiting for consistent warm weather to complete the concrete staining. There were two gaps found in the foundation that is thought to be the cause of the flooding in the staff room. Rau construction has made repairs to the foundation. New banners have been installed in the computer room that matches the other signage in the library.

The library has begun using off duty policemen for security at the main library. Boxed lunches were provided to all staff on Tuesday, April 15th in honor of National Library Workers Day.

Ms. Baker will attend a Communities That Care orientation on April 18th at the Ball Conference Center. Ms. Baker will attend the NEKLS Spring Assembly and Executive Board Meeting in Topeka on Thursday, April 17th. Steve Potter will be the keynote speaker. Ms. Baker will attend the Olathe Downtown Committee Meeting on April 25th and the KCMLIN Council meeting on April 29th. Tom Hutcheson will be attending the Statewide Trustee Training on May 3rd and May 17th.

7. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT

The Friends of the Library report was given by Tom Hutcheson. The Ella Mae Memorial Booksale begins April 17th at the Center of Grace. The Friends of the Library hired Fry Wagner to move the books from storage to the Center of Grace. The Soup Supper on March 28th went well with approximately 30-35 in attendance.

8. OLATHE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT

The Olathe Public Library Foundation Board report was given by Cliff Tatham. The Foundation has obtained Joe Posnanski as a speaker for the "A Taste of Literacy" on September 27th at the Holiday Inn. The next Olathe Public Library Foundation Board Meeting will be April 29th at 7 p.m.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dana Campbell will lead a special board meeting to discuss the findings of the future facilities plan with board members.

The nominating committee presented the following Slate of Officers for 2008-2009.

Tom Hutcheson – President
Darryl Ashley – Vice-President
Jack Hansen – Secretary
Cathie Bennie – Treasurer

Tom Hutcheson moved to approve the Slate of Officers for 2008-2009. Seconded by Jack Hansen and motion passed.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Proposed changes to the Gates Foundation Grant: Revised Technology Budget were reviewed. Rodney Birch moved to approve the proposed changes to the Gates Foundation Grant: Revised Technology Budget. Seconded by Dana Campbell and motion passed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Wes McCoy adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Jack Hansen, Secretary