



OLATHE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
February 18, 2009

The regular February meeting of the Olathe Public Library Board was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Tom Hutcheson. Members present were Cathie Bennie, Jack Hansen, Tom Hutcheson, Wes McCoy, Linda Schoonover (President of Friends of the Library), Cliff Tatham (Chairperson of Olathe Public Library Foundation Board) and Library Director Emily Baker. Absent were Darryl Ashley, Rodney Birch, Dana Campbell and Mayor Michael Copeland. Also attending were library employees Mary Linse and Janet Monsees.

There were no public comments.

1. OLATHE PUBLIC LIBRARY: ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF GROWTH
(POWERPOINT PRESENTATION)

Mrs. Baker gave the PowerPoint presentation that will be shown to service clubs and other interested groups in 2009 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the library.

2. READING OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the library board meeting of January 21st were reviewed. It was suggested that a dollar sign be added to 2.5 million in line three of UNFINISHED BUSINESS. Wes McCoy moved to approve the minutes of the library board meeting of January 21st as amended. Seconded by Cathie Bennie and motion passed.

3. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

4. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The report of the treasurer was given by Cathie Bennie. Wes McCoy moved to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Jack Hansen and motion passed.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

The January expenditures, Everest/SureWest internet connection and 3M Library Systems service agreement were reviewed. Jack Hansen moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Cathie Bennie and motion passed.

6. REPORT OF LIBRARY DIRECTOR

The monthly report was given by Library Director Emily Baker. January circulation at the main library was up 6.4% and up 0.9% at Indian Creek. Gate count was up 3.7% at the main library and up 0.2% at the branch. Volunteer hours were down 0.4%. ILL was up 14.8% for borrowed and down 8.1% for loaned.

The PowerPoint presentation for the centennial will be presented by staff to local clubs and assisted living facilities from now through summer. History of the library is on the library's website. The library will host the Chamber of Commerce coffee in July. The Olathe School District will celebrate by having a special OPL day and giving out library bookmarks and providing cake during lunch.

At the KCMLIN Council meeting in January there was discussion of the four major area libraries having a metro wide catalog. In the 2008 Direction Finder survey for the city, the library went up overall and customer service was highly rated. There were more detailed questions for the library than in the past. KLA Legislative Day will be February 19th in Topeka. A state decrease for libraries has been announced for 2009.

The library will host a table at the mayor's annual luncheon April 3rd at the Holiday Inn. The Big Read Kick-off will be April 4th at the Legends. The fiction book Old School will be read metro wide from April to mid May. The non-fiction book The Soloist is the selection for the KCMLIN 2009 United We Read program and is being promoted by the Kansas City Symphony. Kansas Center for the Book is a statewide reading effort promoting the fiction book Virgin of the Small Plains.

7. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT

The Friends of the Library report was given by newly elected president Linda Schoonover. Other officers elected at the January 26th annual meeting are Sharon Markey, vice president, Pat Pieper, treasurer, and Peggy Ingle, secretary. Good revenue continues to come in from donated consignment books. Planned expenses are \$575 for a safe babysitting program, \$2,000 to the OPL Foundation, \$400 for a Big Read ad and 1,000 leather bookmarks to be purchased for the library's centennial celebration. The Friends donated \$10,450 to the library in 2008 and had a balance of \$18,000.

8. OLATHE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT

The Olathe Public Library Foundation Board report was given by Cliff Tatham. There was a large decrease in the foundation's assets the last quarter of 2008. The balance went from \$239,000 in January to \$172,000 the end of December. The foundation will donate \$5000 to the summer reading club in 2009.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Thirteen library staff met with board member Dana Campbell to discuss ideas for future facilities.

Dana Campbell sent a memo to library staff explaining the board's position in keeping the library open the Martin Luther King holiday.

10. NEW BUSINESS

The Library Vision, Goals and Values of the Olathe Public Library were reviewed. Wes McCoy moved to approve the proposed changes to The Library Vision, Goals and Values of the Olathe Public Library. Seconded by Jack Hansen and motion passed.

The Schedule for Library Material Loan Periods and Overdue Charges was reviewed. Jack Hansen moved to approve the proposed changes to the Schedule for Library Material Loan Periods and Overdue Charges. Seconded by Wes McCoy and motion passed.

Meeting dates for the March and May board meetings were discussed. Wes McCoy moved to have the March meeting on March 25th and the May meeting on May 27th. Seconded by Cathie Bennie and motion passed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Tom Hutcheson adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Jack Hansen, Secretary