



OLATHE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
April 15, 2009

The regular April meeting of the Olathe Public Library Board was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Tom Hutcheson. Members present were Darryl Ashley, Cathie Bennie, Dana Campbell, 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 Rodney Birch and Mayor Michael Copeland. Also attending were Ben Hart, Sarah Doherty and Jenny Hesseltine from the City of Olathe, Pam Kasberger and Sheila Reitmeyer from Old Settlers, Architect Kurt von Achen and library employee Janet Monsees.

There were no public comments.

1. BEN HART, DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT,
CITY OF OLATHE

Ben Hart spoke on the topic of using a Public Building Commission to expand the Indian Creek Branch Library. The projected cost of expansion is \$2.5 million. Bonds would be issued on behalf of the PBC and the library would make annual payments of approximately \$250,000 for 20 years.

2. READING OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the library board meeting of March 25th were reviewed. Tom Hutcheson suggested the following be added as a second paragraph under new business: Ms. Baker and Ms. Monsees presented the Library Board with recommendations related to potential savings in the library's 2010 budget. It was the sense of the Library Board that proposed savings were prudent and directed that library staff proceed to develop the 2010 budget as proposed by Ms. Baker and Ms. Monsees. Dana Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the library board meeting of March 25th as amended. Seconded by Wes McCoy and motion passed.

3. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Under Consent Agenda add 5:B Artistic Floor Covering, Inc – Contract.

4. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA

The March expenditures were reviewed. Wes McCoy moved to approve the March expenditures. Seconded by Cathie Bennie and motion passed. Kurt von Achen presented a contract from Artistic Floor Covering, Inc. in the amount of \$41,916 for the installation of new carpet and cove base at the Main Library. The contract includes removal of the old carpet and moving of furniture. Dana Campbell moved to approve the contract with Artistic Floor Covering, Inc. Seconded by Darryl Ashley and motion passed.

6. REPORT OF LIBRARY DIRECTOR

The monthly report was given by Library Director Emily Baker. Circulation for March was up 8.9% at Main and 6.9% at Indian Creek. Gate count at Main was up 11.1% and 6.3% at Indian Creek. Volunteer hours were up 18.4%. ILL was up 23.3% for borrowed and down 2.9% for loaned. Dana Campbell would like to know the total number of hours public computer stations are available at both libraries and if we keep track of all the people who get taxes done at the library.

PowerPoint presentations continue for the Library Centennial. The Olathe School District will celebrate the Centennial April 16th by serving birthday cake in all schools and giving out bookmarks to students.

Several library employees recently attended the KLA/MPLA convention in Wichita and Junie Hao attended the Sirsi conference in Dallas.

The Big Read has begun and can be heard daily on KKFI (90.1) from 11:30 – 12:00 noon. The NEKLS Executive Council and Spring Assembly will be in Topeka April 16th. A representative of the New Jersey State Library will give the keynote talk on future library trends.

7. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT

The Friends of the Library report was given by Emily Baker and Tom Hutcheson for president Linda Schoonover who left the meeting early. The annual Ella Mae Memorial Book Sale is April 16 – 19 at Center of Grace. The Friends are paying \$1000 toward the bookmarks to be given out at Olathe schools. They are also paying for cookies that will be served at two centennial celebrations later this summer and for leather bookmarks to be given out at the celebrations.

8. OLATHE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT

The Olathe Public Library Foundation Board report was given by Cliff Tatham. The foundation board has decided not to have a fundraising dinner this year. Instead letters will be sent to sponsors and past contributors asking for a 100% deductible contribution. An open house will be held at the library later this year for foundation supporters. The foundation is donating \$5000 for the summer reading club.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business

10. NEW BUSINESS

Members of the nominating committee, Cathie Bennie and Wes McCoy, presented the following slate of officers for 2009 – 2010:

President.....Tom Hutcheson
Vice-President.....Darryl Ashley
Treasurer.....Rodney Birch
Secretary.....Jack Hansen

Pam Kasberger and Sheila Reitmeyer spoke for the Old Settlers committee requesting use of all library parking except the single row next to the building. They will have a map produced showing the exact area they want. They said the committee will repair any damage to landscaping during the Old Settlers event.

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Tom Hutcheson adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Jack Hansen, Secretary