

Dakota County Library Board
April 9, 2009
5:30 pm
Dakota County Heritage Library

Present: Ms. Zenk, Mr. Larsen, Mr. Duling, Mr. Olson, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Pogatchnik

Library Staff: Ken Behringer, Library Director; Roseanne Byrne, Deputy Director; Murray Wilson, manager Heritage Branch; Kathy Peterson, admin staff

Other County Representatives: Commissioner Nancy Schouweiler; Tom Novak, PS&R

Mr. Olson called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda: (item 4) Mr. Behringer commented that circulation continues to go up at a rapid pace and that branches are even busier than usual. He stated that things were in compliance with the budget and asked if there were any questions in regard to the consent agenda. There were no questions so Ms. Zenk moved and Ms. Johnson seconded that the consent agenda be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report: (item 5) Mr. Behringer reported that there has been an increased amount of money collected since the implementation of online/credit card fine payment. The Library hopes to use BIP money to purchase an overhead projector and screen for the Wescott boardroom. This will be very useful for all the training sessions that take place in that room. The Board recommended proceeding with this plan.

Robert Trail staff has been in contact with Rosemount police and some school staff in regards to vandalism done in two locations on the building. The plan is to seek restitution for the clean-up as part of the legal proceedings against those involved.

Conversations continue between the City of Eagan and Wescott Friends in regards to coffee services. Drawings are being considered and equipment configurations planned. Details of a contract are being worked out for the County Attorney's office.

The new primary materials provider will be Brodart. Mary Johnson has worked on final documentation of the contract process.

Work on "AquaBrowser" and "360" software is moving forward. Maureen Gormley will be at the retreat to update the Board on these products and other technology issues.

Mr. Behringer thanked President Olson, Mr. Duling and Mr. Larsen for participating Library Legislative Day. Thank you letters to all the legislators they met with were signed by the Board.

(item 6.a.) Consideration of the 2009 Annual Report for Dakota County Library: The Board was presented with a written copy of the Annual State Report. Mr. Behringer said that it contained many statistics that the Board is provided with each month. He requested that the Board accept the report and authorize him and President Olson to sign it. Mr. Pogatchnik so moved and Ms. Zenk seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

(item 6.b.) Discussion of Update from CPPM on Wescott Remodeling Project: Ken Harrington of CPPM provided an updated list of the activities that are occurring or have occurred in regards to the changes and improvements that the Board wanted to see on the project. All the issues have either been completed or are pending due to pricing. The Board recommended that the price of painting/repainting the handrail in the stairwell be compared to the cost of replacing it with oak. It was determined that a dimmer switch in the Children's area was too expensive and that fewer bulbs and/or lower wattage might solve the issue of harsh lighting.

(item 6.c.) Planning for 2009 Library Board Retreat: Some topics that the Board wanted to discuss at the upcoming retreat include the future of libraries, aging population, branding and public service. Mr. Behringer and Ms. Byrne felt that these topics, along with other scheduled speakers, could easily provide for an interesting day.

(item 6.d.) Consideration of Proposed Changes to the Rules of Behavior Policy: Since there was no specific language about consumption of alcohol in the Rules of Behavior section, Mr. Behringer recommended updating this section and also the portion related to food and beverages. Board members reviewed the proposed changes. Ms. Johnson moved and Mr. Pogatchnik seconded that the changes be adopted. The motion passed unanimously.

Other: The 2009-2010 meeting schedule was approved.

Ms. Byrne reported that Silver Teas have been well attended, that Poetry month has received many submissions and that Berni Couillard, head of Children's Services, will be retiring. Commissioner Schouweiler will present her with a plaque.

The Branding implementation is set to roll out at all Dakota County Library on May 9th.

President's Declaration of Closed Meeting

At 7:05 p.m., President Olson declared the meeting closed, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 471.715, subdivision 1d. subpart (d) for the purpose of evaluation of the Library Director. DCL staff left the room.

President's Declaration of Open Meeting

President Olson declared the meeting open at 8:15 p.m. As required by law, Mr. Olson summarized the discussion during the closed meeting. Mr. Pogatchnik will meet with Mr. Behringer prior to the may Library board meeting to discuss his review. Results will be finalized at a future Library Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 14th, at Wentworth.

Don Olson, Library Board President

Anita Kes, Library Board Secretary