

Dakota County Library Board
January 14, 2010
5:30 pm
Dakota County Wescott Library

Present: Mr. Larsen, Ms. Berggren, Ms. Kes, Ms. Hanauer, Mr. Duling, Mr. Pogatchnik, Ms. Zenk

Library Staff: Ken Behringer, Library Director; Roseanne Byrne, Deputy Director; Kathy Peterson, administrative staff; Lee Schubert, Nancy Wisser, Naomi Golv, Roger Parish

Other County Representatives: Commissioner Nancy Schouweiler; Jean Erickson, Public Services and Revenue; Ken Harrington and Steve Saienga, Capital Planning Project Management

Ms. Kes called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda: (item 4) Mr. Behringer highlighted that the Library is signing an annual software maintenance and support contract with SirsiDynix for \$74,595.37. The contract is automatically renewable by consent of the Library and SirsiDynix, but given its size, it should be specifically noted to the Library Board. Ms. Zenk moved and Mr. Pogatchnik seconded that the consent agenda be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report: (item 5) Mr. Behringer reported that all services, programs and circulation are up over last year. While this may be due in part to the economy, he thanked staff for their efforts to meet public expectations. He also expressed concern the long term sustainability of such increases in volume with the decrease in staff. Part of the increase is due to the fact that Robert Trail Library operations are doing well. It is an exciting building and is well utilized.

Cataloging and processing procedures will be added to the 2010 County Board Goals. Library reporting will focus on our recent contract work with the vendor, Marcive. This will standardize data and make use of the catalog easier for staff and public.

The 2009 materials budget was over \$1,850,000 and less than of that amount \$4,300 was unexpended at the end of the year. Mr. Behringer thanked the selectors for their excellent work.

Eight of the nine libraries have been approached by the U.S. Census Bureau about serving as information sites related to the 2010 process.

Legislative Day is February 24. Interested Board members can contact Mr. Behringer about participating in the visits.

(item 6.a.) Election of Board President: Ms. Zenk nominated Mr. Larsen and Mr. Duling seconded the nomination. Ms. Zenk moved and Mr. Pogatchnik seconded that nominations be closed. Ms. Kes called for a voice vote and Mr. Larsen was unanimously elected 2010 Dakota County Library Board President.

(Item 6.b.) Election of Board Secretary: Mr. Pogatchnik nominated Ms. Kes and Ms. Zenk seconded the nomination. Ms. Zenk moved and Mr. Pogatchnik seconded that nominations be closed. President Larsen called for a voice vote and Ms. Kes was unanimously elected 2010 Dakota County Library Board Secretary.

(Item 6.c.) Selection of Liaison to the Dakota County Library Foundation Board: Ms. Zenk volunteered to be the liaison and the board supported this action.

(Item 6.d.) Update on Burnhaven Remodeling: Mr. Saienga gave a power point presentation detailing the changes to be made to Burnhaven Library, the parking lot and the included License Center. He handed out diagrams and a timeline and took questions on the project.

(Item 6.e.) Update on Coffee Services at Wescott: Mr. Behringer said that five proposals had been submitted and that the staff review committee had narrowed it down to two who were subsequently interviewed. If background and reference checks are completed within the expected time line, the Library Board will be asked in February to approve a recommended vendor.

(Item 6.f.) Request for Reconsideration of “Baby Sleeps”: Mr. Pogatchnik moved and Ms. Hanauer seconded that the item remain in the collection. Motion passed unanimously.

(Item 6.g.) Request for Reconsideration of “How to Quit Drinking without AA”: Mr. Pogatchnik moved and Ms. Zenk seconded that the item remain in the collection. Motion passed unanimously.

Other: Ms. Byrne handed out copies of the new, all inclusive program schedule that is the result of collaboration of Community Connections and County Communications. She thanked the groups for all their work. She reported that the “Winter Jackets” reading program is underway and has been advertised in local press. She commended Annemarie Robertson and Mary Wussow who will be giving presentations at the upcoming Library Technology Conference. Ms. Byrne handed out the new plastic give-away bags that have long been in high demand by DCL patrons. The bags are made of recycled materials.

Ms. Erickson handed out cards publicizing the Dakota County Historical Society’s Tribute to Bill Wolston, a local historian.

There were no other questions or topics to discuss. Ms. Berggren moved and Mr. Duling seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously. President Larsen adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Paul Larsen, Library Board President

Anita Kes, Library Board Secretary