

Dakota County Library Board
December 10, 2009
5:30 pm
Dakota County Wescott Library

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

Library Staff: Ken Behringer, Library Director; Roseanne Byrne, Deputy Director; Kathy Peterson, admin staff; numerous DCL staff and friends of President Olson and Ms. Johnson

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

President Olson called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda: (item 4) Following a reception for outgoing board members Pres. Olson and Ms. Johnson, 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 an agreement had been reached with Marcive for the authority control services, which should assist in standardizing data available within our online catalog. Paul Deaven and Eric Austin will be meeting with potential coffee vendors for the Wescott branch. Library staff expects to bring proposals for consideration to the January 2010 Library Board meeting. Copies of the new printed calendar that the library is producing with County Communications will be available at the next meeting. Community Connections is generating ideas for the MELSA-wide programming that can be covered by Legacy Funds. Popular programs may be done in multiple locations. Horizon licenses will still be valid on SirsiDynix's forthcoming product, Symphony.

(item 6.a.) Second Hearing: Proposed Dakota County Library Fees 2010: Ms. Zenk moved and Ms. Kes seconded that there be no changes made to the Library's Fine/Fee Policy for 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

(Item 6.b.) Update from Capital Planning Project Management on Burnhaven Library Remodeling Project: Mr. Harrington provided an update of planning and an explanation of how the proposed 2010 CIP budget may affect upcoming library projects. He said that they are starting the design process on Burnhaven and may have a final design for consideration at the January meeting. He noted that Burnhaven will require a longer construction period than past projects.

(Item 6.c.) Overview of Services and Staffing Implications from 2010 Operating Budget: Mr. Behringer discussed the impact of budget changes and staffing level reductions. Board members expressed concern for the service hours and the impact on employees.

Ms. Byrne relayed two messages affirming staff and programming at Robert Trail and Wentworth. Ms. Zenk reported that three finalists had been selected to submit proposals for the Public Art on Highway 3 outside Robert Trail. She said the committee was very pleased with the process.

Ms. Johnson moved and Ms. Kes seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2010 at Wescott.

Don Olson, Library Board President

Anita Kes, Library Board Secretary