

Dakota County Library Board
March 11, 2010
5:30 pm
Dakota County Robert Trail Library

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

Library Staff: Ken Behringer, Library Director; Roseanne Byrne, Deputy Director; Jamie Jurgenson, Manager Robert Trail Library; Nancy Wisser and Naomi Golv, Western Cluster; Russ Cogar, Community Connections

Others in attendance: Tom Novak, PS&R

President Larsen called to order at 5:30 p.m. following a reception for the Friends of the Robert Trail Library

Approval of Consent Agenda: (item 4) Mr. Behringer said circulation continues to be up and that the consent agenda was all in order. With a small correction to the minutes, Ms. Zenk moved and Ms. Berggren seconded that the consent agenda be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report: (item 5) Mr. Behringer reported on the changes and challenges faced by the Information Services Team, how the library is best deploying staff and planning delivery of services to best meet changing customer needs and service patterns.

He mentioned the "One Community/One Book program that is gaining popularity in the library communities and said that Legacy Funds could open new opportunities for the library.

He reported that Library Legislative Day had proved rewarding and thanked Board members who had attended. President Larsen recommended that any interested members consider participating in the future.

Mr. Behringer reported that due to the unavailability of affordable rental space it was not possible to have a temporary site for library services during the Burnhaven remodel. He felt it was more important to focus the resources on a materials handling system. Ms. Zenk moved and Ms. Berggren seconded that Burnhaven "regretfully" be closed completely during the remodel.

He introduced Jamie Jurgenson who welcomed the Board by saying how lucky and happy she and her staff felt to come to work at Robert Trail. She talked about upcoming programs and events, especially the "One Book" event planned for October 2010.

(item 6.a.) Update on Activities and Formation Status of Friends of the Robert Trail Library: Jo Gilbertson thanked and welcomed Board members to Robert Trail. She said they were very excited to contribute to the library, doing membership drives, working on their tax exempt status. The group is looking forward to doing the "One Book" program this Fall.

(Item 6.b.) Consideration of Artist's Conceptual design for Art Piece at Robert Trail Library: After reviewing drawings and design representations and being apprised of the roles the City of Rosemount, County Attorney's Office and the artist hold, the Board approved the design concept for the sculpture. Ms. Kes moved and Ms. Hanauer seconded that the artist's design be approved. Motion passed unanimously. The Board thanked Ms. Zenk and Ms. Lindquist for their time and efforts on this project.

(Item 6.c.) Consideration of Dakota County Library Programs using State Legacy Fund Resources: Russ Cogar of Community Connections outlined for Board members the programs and creative events that he and his staff are putting together for the upcoming weeks using the Legacy funds available through MELSA. Board members were impressed and excited about the topics and venues that Russ and his team have pulled together. Mr. Behringer mentioned the possibility of incorporating public transportation into the event at Burnsville Performing Arts Center thus opening the event up to an even wider audience. The Board like this idea and asked him to explore it further. Ms. Hanauer moved and Ms. Zenk seconded that the Board accept and approve the plans and proposals for how these funds will be spent. Motion passed unanimously.

(Item 6.d.) Report of the Appeals Committee Concerning Trespass Notification: Mr. Behringer reported that a man who had been served trespass notification decided to challenge it in writing. As per the County Attorney's

advice, Mr. Behringer convened an Appeals Committee to review the situation. He conveyed the report that the Appeals Committee looked at the reports and evidence and then stayed the decision of trespass. This was Trespass Appeal file number 2010-1.

(Item 6.e.) Discussion of Possible Agenda Items for Library Board Retreat: Board and staff members mention topics of interest and possible discussion including Information Services, the labor contract, further information on the Community Connection Department, the emerging demographics of Dakota County and the impact on Library programming and services and a report on the public libraries in MN.

Further suggestions can be sent to Mr. Behringer or Ms. Byrne and will be finalized at the April meeting. The retreat will be held April 17 at the Wescott Library.

Other: Ms. Byrne updated Board members on the shelver who is also a published author, the recent US citizenship of a Wescott employee and showed a poster of thanks made by elementary students for the Wentworth library.

The next Library Board meeting is April 8 at the Heritage Library. It will follow a 5 p.m. reception with the Friends Group.

There were no other questions or topics to discuss. Ms. Zenk moved and Ms. Berggren seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Larsen adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Paul Larsen, Library Board President

Anita Kes, Library Board Secretary