

LE PHILLIPS MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the LE Phillips Memorial Public Library was held on Thursday, August 18, 2005, at 7:30 am in the Board Room of the Library. The following members were present: Dickey, Fraser, Jurmain, Olson, Radtke, Schneider, Stacy, and Von Haden.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

On a motion made by Kathie Schneider, and seconded by Bob Fraser, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of their July 21 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sue Olson reported on a recent meeting of the Distinguished Service Award Committee. There was Board consensus to ask the Committee to draft a one-page criteria proposal for review at the September Board meeting, and to approve proceeding as follows: nominations may be submitted to the Board from any source, using a standardized form, and the Board would then choose one or more persons to receive this award annually. The Board also agreed to ask the local press if they would be interested in doing a story on the impact of budget cuts.

Bob Fraser gave a report as liaison to the Indianhead Federated Library System. Assistant Director John Stoneberg was asked to prepare a report on the status of statewide interloan planning.

REPORT OF THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Kathie Schneider reported the Friends would be holding a booksale in September, and are willing to provide financial assistance for the proposed renovation project.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Mark Morse introduced staff members Theresa Boetcher and Cindy Westphal to the Board.

He told the trustees that the report on making at least one set of bathrooms in the library ADA compliant was due next week. Because of ADA regulations, the first floor public bathrooms, or the bathrooms in Youth Services, are the only candidates for updating.

In addition, Mark reported: on the impacts of the Governor's proposed budget cuts for other cities and counties; the value of the library building and contents is approximately \$16,000,000 which is a correction to information given previously; and procedures for the open meetings law. A summary of this law will be written and distributed for new trustees.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board reviewed the July 2005 Financial Report.

ACTION ON BILLS & CLAIMS

On a motion made by Bob Fraser and seconded by Bob Von Haden, the Board unanimously approved the Bills & Claims for July 15-August 5, 2005, as well as the custodial, capital improvement, and payroll Bills & Claims for July,

STATISTICAL REPORT

The Board reviewed the July Statistical Report.

AMENDING THE 2006 LIBRARY BUDGET REQUEST

The Library Director reviewed his proposed strategy and specific reduction list, totaling \$184,400, requested by the City Manager. After discussion, Kathie Schneider made a motion, seconded by Bob Fraser, to approve the Director's proposed reduction list. The motion passed unanimously. There was consensus to ask the Board President and Library Director to decide what library committee could be designated to research successful fund raising in other libraries, and to develop a plan to increase funding for the future.

RECIPIENT FOR A DISTINGUISHED LIBRARY SERVICE AWARD

This item was postponed until approved procedures are in place. The Distinguished Service Award Committee will make another report at the September Board meeting.

2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 483

On a motion made by Bob Fraser and seconded by Jean Radtke, the Board voted unanimously to oppose 2005 Assembly Bill 483, which would eliminate the current maintenance of effort requirement for municipal funding of libraries.

2005 SENATE BILL 258

On a motion made by Kathie Schneider and seconded by Bob Fraser, the Board voted unanimously to oppose 2005 Senate Bill 258, which would require public libraries, rather than parents, to automatically restrict access by minors to R-rated movies.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Jean Radtke and seconded by Sue Olson, the Board unanimously approved adjournment of their meeting.

Julie A. Gast
Business Manager