

McCall Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
27 October 2005

Call to Order: 4:15 pm.

Attendance: Ed Hershberger, Robyn Armstrong, Diane DeChambeau, Anne Kantola, Lynn Lewinski, Susie Reddick

Minutes: Approved.

Staff Report: Everyone on staff is doing well. Sophie McManus is still recovering from surgery, but is doing great. Mary Jane took a tumble at the end of her vacation and had to take an extra week off due to injury. Heather now works five hours a day, three days a week; with these adjusted hours, she has decided to stay. Anne mentioned that Heather is very well read. She may use Heather to help build our book clubs. Currently, the Library Book Club meets the third Thursday of each month and the Huckleberry Book Club meets on the fourth Thursday. Overall, Anne is extremely pleased with her staff.

Friends Report: Diane tells us the Friends are in a full court press to organize the Festival of Trees at the golf course this year. She assures us it will be a grand affair!

Budget and Stats: Anne gave spreadsheet information to Ed. The library took in \$1300 last month. Anne has spent 85% of the year's budget. We gave her a round of applause for her outstanding stats report.

Old Business:

Districting Report: The forum presentation went very well. No negative comments were heard; Anne and Robyn report that it was a very positive experience. Anticipating that voters will approve the districting plan, Anne recommends that at least one of the current Board of Trustees members serve on the interim District Board, even if in an ex-officio capacity.

New Business:

Letter to the Editor: Robyn asked for final input on a letter to the editor from the Board to appear in the Star News next week. A copy of the revised letter is attached. Ed moved that Robyn's letter be signed and sent to The Star News. His motion was seconded and passed.

Future Plans: Anne will be working on grant applications. She will work with Carol Coyle on a grant to keep the Donnelly library going; however, this may not be addressed until next spring. In addition, Anne knows that it will be most important that a competent administrator with library experience be hired as executive director under the new system. Carol and Anne will ask for some money to hire such a person as part of the LSTA grant request in early January. Unfortunately, the state no longer can guarantee funding for the \$750,000 interim period we face. We may get less than one-fourth this amount from the state. Among other ways to acquire funds, McCall and Cascade will continue to charge county residents for library cards until January 2007.

A party for the Board and staff of the library will take place at the Reddicks' house on November 14th at 6:00 pm. Susie will email information about this soon.

Adjournment: 5:30 pm.

If the districting proposal does not pass, our next library board meeting will be a combined November/December meeting on Thursday, December 8th at 4:00 pm.

Signature: _____ Date: _____