

McCall Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
19 January 2006

I. Call to Order: 4:05 pm.

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

III. Minutes: Approved.

IV. Staff Report: Heather has resigned due to health and family concerns but she would like to be a substitute which is welcome news. Mary Jane traveled to Atlanta for a Mountain Monkey Business buying trip. Becky and Meg are well. There are plans to reinstate the Saturday job so that Arlis doesn't have to work alone.

V. Friends Report: Robyn attended yesterday's meeting to thank the group for their generous donation resulting from the Festival of Trees.

VI. Budget and Stats: Anne passed around statistics to the group and budget information for November and December went to Ed.

VII. Old Business:

1. Guest: Christie Gorsline. Christie was actually first on our agenda today. She wanted to discuss her appearance before the City Council as a private citizen during the public comment period to request library fees be raised for nonresidents. She feels it's time that everyone pays his fair share. Christie provided data from other libraries around the state and let us know that Cascade Library has raised their nonresident fees from \$24 to \$45. She also suggested that if we do raise the fees, we should protect children's interests by offering a discounted library card - perhaps for \$5 or \$10 - to nonresident kids. We've asked Christie to defer her proposal to City Council until we discuss fees in conjunction with next year's budget. She decided not to attend a meeting until then, probably in April or May.

Christie also mentioned that, in the event we try again to create a library district (perhaps with McCall-Donnelly School District boundaries), she

would be willing to advise a group, but she does not want to spearhead the effort.

2. Future Plans. We need to regroup with regards to our Strategic Plan. What's our priority now? We'll need a new "Christie" to pursue any districting plans and we need to gather more information about a City Campus before we decide about districting. We need continual discussion and information flow from the City over the next several months.

3. Raising Fees. Our goal is to discuss this issue in March and April while we are in the budget process, so that we can come up with a fair rate. We plan to make a proposal to the City Council in May.

4. LOT Money. We received a bit more money than anticipated; Anne spent about \$1100 on audiobooks and DVDs at Barnes and Noble. This year, we're first on the City's list and Dave's already working on purchasing computer back-up batteries.

VIII. New Business.

1. Re-instatement of Board Member. Ed has been reinstated until 2010. Diane will serve until 10/2006, Susie until 10/2007, Robyn until 10/08, and Lynn until 10/2009.

2. Elections. The following positions were approved: Robyn Armstrong - President; Ed Hershberger - Vice-president, Lynn Lewinski - Secretary (from February through May); Susie Reddick - Secretary (from May through October).

3. State Report. Anne submits annual statistics to the State Library Board; she'll ask Robyn to sign them today and will give us a copy. Briefly, we have nearly 33,000 print materials, about 500 videotapes, 766 audiobooks, 64 magazine subscriptions, and 1000 photographs in our collection. Over 35,000 people walked through our doors last year. Anne casually mentioned that the staff's first pass at cataloging is complete. HOORAY!

Diane and Robyn will be gone in February, but we will try to have a meeting on February 23rd if Anne deems it necessary.

IX. Adjournment: 5:30 pm.