

Present:

Present: Betsy Fontenot, Michael Kaplan, Sean Silbert

Staff Present: Jan Erickson, Cyndie Glazer, Jackie Rose, Beverly Ross

Excused: Fred Baldwin, Patrick Curran, Jennifer Mair, Gabrielle Williams

Absent: Patt Bilow

Others Present: Counselor Ellie McPeak

Due to a lack of quorum, the Library Advisory Board meeting was not an official meeting but a discussion which began at 7:10 p.m. on February 8, 2006.

I. Introductions

None

**II. Approval of Minutes – January 11, 2006
Due to lack of quorum the minutes were not approved**

III. Public Comment

None

VI. Donation Policy

There was a discussion about the Donation Policy. Jackie Rose will email the updated policy to the Board for review and it will be added to the agenda for approval next month.

IV. Director's Report

Director Jan Erickson gave the Director's Report:

The statement ending December 31, 2005 from Oregon Community Foundation for the Endowment Fund gives a balance of \$311,142.

The December fundraising letter campaign has earned a total of \$7,025 with 43 donations totaling \$5,225 to "Time to Renew" and 29 donations totaling \$1,800 to the Endowment fund.

Lake Oswego Library is one of two libraries in Clackamas County who are participating in "Food for Fines" during the month of February. For every item of non-perishable food donated 50 cents in overdue fines will be forgiven.

The Oregon Digital Consortium digital books went live on January 30. Of 345 ebook titles offered, all but three are checked out and many have a large number of holds on them. As these digital books are already so popular the Consortium is considering purchasing a list of titles available that have unlimited use rather than being restricted to check out by one patron at a time.

The Library has a shelf of books on the main floor that are for sale. These books are items that are weeded from the collection but the Friends of the Library bookstore, the Booktique, cannot take. The price is \$.50 for paperbacks and \$1.00 for hardback books. Payment is deposited in the locked coin box attached to the shelf and the money collected goes to the Friends. Coordinator of Volunteer Services, Cyndie Glazer, is in charge of this very successful and ongoing project.

The Library has partnered with the City's Parks and Rec Department on the creation of a bookmark to be given out to patrons in April. It promotes the Farmer's Market as well as the Library.

The January 2006 issue of *Portland Monthly* magazine contains an article featuring the Library's Pet Memorial fund where a Library book may be purchased in memory of a pet.

A painting by renowned Oregon artist, Carl Morris, has been donated to the Library. The Art Foundation is in the process of having the painting cleaned and the frame repaired. It will then hang exclusively in the Library, as requested by the donor.

January 2006 circulation was up 10% over January 2005. The gate continues to exceed 1,000 per day.

The Clackamas County Consultants Report has not been made available yet. On Thursday, February 2, the LINCC (Library Information Network of Clackamas County) library directors voted on recommending to LNIB (Library Network Intergovernmental Board) a freeze of the County funds distribution formula at the 2004-2005 rate. This recommendation passed with two descending votes, West Linn and Lake Oswego. Lake Oswego received approximately \$993,000 from the 2005-2006 distribution. As of January it is projected that Lake Oswego Library would receive approximately \$1,047,000 for 2006-2007. However, if the freeze is put into effect Lake Oswego would receive less than it received in 2005-2006. This recommendation goes to the LNIB board who will vote on it at their next meeting.

The Library Board has been invited to meet with the City Council to give their opinion as a Board on what they would like to see in a community center, specifically as it relates to a library. Ellie McPeak said this meeting will also include other Boards and Commissions. She said the Council wants information about potential uses in a community center from the Boards. A discussion continued about the community center.

V. Chair's Report

None

VII. Fundraising

Cyndie Glazer reported on fundraising:

In January \$725 was raised for "Bucks for Books" and it was estimated that about 428 people contributed.

"Time to Renew" has reached a total of over \$32,000 and Fred Baldwin has received a verbal commitment of an additional \$5,000. The brochure to the dentists and doctors in Lake Oswego has brought in \$450 Baldwin suggests the legal field be targeted with a letter and brochure as well.

VIII. Adjournment

The Library Advisory Board discussion ended at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Ross
Recording Secretary