

Present: Gabrielle Williams, Ken Faris, Betsy Fontenot, Nancy Niland Shatsky

Staff Present: Cyndie Glazer, Beverly Ross

Excused: Fred Baldwin, Tom Moore

Absent: Patt Bilow, Evan Green

The Library Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Chair Gabrielle Williams at 7:05 p.m. on June 11, 2008.

I. Introductions

None

II. Approval of Minutes – May 14, 2008 minutes.

Betsy Fontenot made a motion, seconded by Gabrielle Williams, to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2008 Library Advisory Board meeting. The motion carried.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Director's Report

In Director Bill Baars' absence Cyndie Glazer gave the Director's report as follows:

- Tom Moore has submitted his resignation from the LAB. The Library is sorry that he is leaving the Board. The City had appointed Dick Raymond as an Alternate to the Board and it will investigate the possibility of having Raymond move into this vacant position.
- Circulation is up .2% for the fiscal year-to-date compared to last year at this time. The Library is increasing its effort to raise the circulation for June as the County distribution formula, which includes circulation, will be frozen at the end of June. More displays of books and other material have been placed throughout the Library to help in this effort.
- The Lake Oswego Arts Foundation has been working with a local artist to create a mosaic for the window well in the children's department. The artwork is expected to include discarded household items and the public will be invited to participate by bringing in items and in constructing the mosaic. The hope is to start in September.
- The Library table will be set up at the Farmer's Market on June 14. Nancy Niland Shatsky suggested that the Library have additional handouts for children such as stickers and coloring pages at the Market. Williams suggested having the school reading lists available for people as well.
- The volunteer luncheon will be held on June 25 and Glazer hopes the LAB members will be able to attend.
- Old school documents were found at Forest Hills School. Included was a ledger book that details the beginnings of the first Oswego school district and dates back to 1868. The plan is to have the ledger become a part of the Library's local history collection and to have copies made and available to the public. Other old records found will also become part of the Library's local history collection. The Oregonian will print an article for the June 12 newspaper edition regarding this find.
- The summer reading clubs started on June 2 and to date 603 children and 67 adults have signed up.
- The results of the Community Survey have been made public. The top three City services that citizens valued most were Fire Department, Police Department and the Library. Lake Oswego Reads was included on the list of most popular events.

V. Chair's Report

Chair Gabrielle Williams gave the Chair's report as follows:

- Williams said Tom Moore will be missed and she thanks him for his work on the Board and the contributions he has made.

VI. Officer Nominations

Chair Williams said the City requires nominations be made at the June meeting for Board Chair and Vice-Chair and the election take place at the July meeting. Williams nominated Nancy Niland Shatsky for the position of Chair and Fred Baldwin was nominated for the position of Vice-Chair. Nominations can be reopened at the July meeting before the election.

VII. LO Reads

Glazer reported that the first LO Reads Steering Committee meeting was held on May 28. The book selected for 2009 is *Stubborn Twig* by Lauren Kessler and this year's event will be part of the statewide Oregon Reads event. Glazer gave copies of the book to those members who have not yet read it. The Committee is making plans and it is confirmed that the author will speak on February 11 at Lake Oswego High School Auditorium. The Friends grant provided the funds to order 825 copies of the book. Glazer gave out copies of a list of suggestions offered by Paul Graham, Steering Committee member. Glazer asked the Board to read the book and give any suggestions to the Committee. Niland-Shatsky said the books selected for children are *Bat 6* by Virginia Euwer Wolff and *Apples to Oregon* by Deborah Hopkinson. She said the Committee is excited about including children, and planning activities for children, for the 2009 event. The next Steering Committee meeting will be July 9.

VIII. Neighborhood Outreach Update

Ken Faris was disappointed that only one response has been received from the questionnaire he gave out at the May 3 Lake Oswego Neighborhood Action Coalition (LONAC) meeting. Faris would like the Board to continue to develop a neighborhood outreach effort but thinks the Board needs to regroup and decide what to do next. He will touch bases with Baars on what progress he has made on a program to present at neighborhood meetings. Williams said the focus on these outreach meetings should not be political but on what the Library has to offer and what the neighborhoods need from the Library. Faris suggested selecting a random group of neighborhood associations and invite them to a joint meeting.

IX. Adjournment

The Library Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Ross
Recording Secretary