

ABERDEEN TIMBERLAND LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY MEETING  
14 JANUARY 1986

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Welcome to Karen Herrell, TRL Board
4. Approval of Bills
5. Approval of Minutes
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
  - A. TRL Budget and Legislative update
8. Board Orientation: Library Lobbying: A Primer for Trustees" (VHS)
9. Staff Reports: Reynvaan, Windisch, Peck
10. Announcement
11. Adjournment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Tuesday, January 14: ABERDEEN LIBRARY BOARD, Aberdeen Library. 4:00 p.m.
2. Monday, January 20: MARTIN LUTHER KING'S JR.'S BIRTHDAY, Library closed.
3. Tuesday, January 28: LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY, State Capitol, Olympia
4. Wednesday, January 29: TRL BOARD, TRL Service Center, 7:30 p.m.
5. Tuesday, February 11: ABERDEEN LIBRARY BOARD, Aberdeen Library 4:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Weedy McCauley. Other members of the Board present were Tom Brennan, James Brown, Richard Merrick and Dorothy Vekich.

GUESTS

Karen Herrell, newly-appointed TRL Board of Trustees Representative from Grays Harbor County, and Iver Matheson, University of Washington School of Librarianship student, Directed Field Work Experience.

STAFF PRESENT

Christine Peck, Jay Windisch

MINUTES

James Brown moved that the minutes be approved as mailed. The motion was seconded by Dorothy Vekich, motion passed. The

BILLS

bills were approved by the Board, and signed for payment as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RELAMPING

Christine reported that the relamping project in the library was complete, the final bill being \$3,200.00. This amount did include a \$100.00 charge for cleaning, so actual relamping cost was \$3,100.00. The Board was reminded that the original bid was for \$3,700.00. Christine also reported that even with the heating service contract with L & B and under warranty, it would cost 569.83 for replacement of the compressor in the heat pump system.

L & B/HEAT PUMPS

NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET & LEGIS.

UP-DATE

Christine handed out copies of the 1986 TRL operating budget to the group and then briefly discussed some of the items in the budget, noting timber revenue reductions. Weedy McCauley asked if the forest situation impacted just the county. Chris said that it did. Christine also briefly noted the change in standing timber property taxes into a forest excise tax tied to the harvesting of the timber. Taxation/Proration information was available for distribution.

TIMBER TAXES

Getting back to the 1986 TRL operating budget, Christine noted that it was not final, but had been adopted by the TRL Board of Trustees. Christine then passed around portions of the budget broken down in more detail. The Proration Fact Sheet was also distributed for Board information. The Board then discussed the Proration Fact Sheet for Friends & Boards and the contracts between TRL and two Hospital districts. It was noted that this was a "quick fix" and that a long-term fix is needed from the Legislature. Christine noted that apparently there is Department of Revenue assurance that TRL will not be held responsible for 1986 monies if the contracts with the two Hospital Districts are later nullified.

PRORATION FACT

SHEET

HOSPITAL

CONTRACTS

LEGISLATIVE DAY

The Board dicussed Legislative Day, which would be January 28, 1986, and the importance to press the problems of the Junior Taxing Districts. As to what the Board can do, Christine said that a group and also individual letters would be appropriate. Christine reported that there had been a resolution that very morning at the Grays Harbor Chamber of Commerce meeting. The word was given to the Review Club Members that afternoon, and Christine said that she would also report on the situation to her AAUW meeting that evening. Christine told members of the Board that she had lots of Fact Sheets if the Board members could get the word around. Richard Merrick will draft a letter

LOBBYING LETTERS

for the Board to sign and send. There was a handout on the statement about supplemental funding for libraries and do's and don't's about lobbying with letters.

Board Orientation was adjusted to the end of the agenda by Board agreement.

STAFF REPORTS

REFERENCE STAFF

Jay reported that two reference assistants were in the hospital. He also noted that the WATS line would be coming in to Aberdeen with a portable phone, and that the phone lines would be on answering machines giving hours of library service. We need to monitor the WATS line calls and see what the impact is in Aberdeen. Aberdeen has had a 17% staff reduction and has had the WATS line service added. In fairness it must be noted that Aberdeen did receive 60 staff hours/week to cover the WATS line calls. The Board noted that customers get irate when phone calls take time and precedence over "walk-in" customers. When asked if this will be a problem, Jay said that the situation will have to be monitored. There is a problem with the WATS line being in Aberdeen in that TRL patrons geographically removed from the Olympia area will not have access to library phone service unless they are willing to call long distance.

WATS LINE  
ANSWERING  
MACHINES

"WALK-IN"/PHONE  
PATRONS

SUNDAY SERVICE

There followed a discussion of phone calls, walk-in patrons and the impact on reference services in Aberdeen. It was said that there was not the money to fulfill the demand for service in the reference area. We are trying to keep what we have in the way of service.

SERVICE LEVELS

LEGISLATIVE DAY

Christine noted the Books Make A Difference program. She also asked if any Board members were planning on going to the Legislative Day on the 28th, and if anyone needed transportation. The Legislative Day Agenda was discussed, and Christine noted that it was important to have a good turn-out to say "we need your support".

BOARD ORIENTATION

LOBBYING

The Board viewed and discussed Library Lobbying, a video tape presentation on the subject.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ED VAN SYCKLE  
MEMORIAL

Christine noted the Ed Van Syckle Memorial and the discussions of the Van Syckle family and the Aberdeen Friends of the Library. Perhaps something concerning Local History will be a fitting and agreed-upon focus. Christine noted that various ideas were being explored.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the Board, Tom Brennan then moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dorothy Vekich seconded the motion, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

