

ABERDEEN TIMBERLAND LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY MEETING
11 FEBRUARY 1986
AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Call to Order
3. Approval of Bills
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Unfinished Business
 - A. TRL Budget
6. New Business
 - A. Election of Officers
 - B. Annual Review of By-laws
 - C. Public Library Development Program
7. Board Orientation: Intellectual Freedom Notebook
8. Staff Reports: Reynvaan, Windisch, Peck
9. Announcements
10. Adjournment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Tuesday, February 11: ABERDEEN LIBRARY BOARD, Aberdeen Library, 4:00 p.m.
2. Monday, February 17: PRESIDENT'S DAY, library closed
3. Monday, February 24: FRIEND'S OF LIBRARY ANNUAL MTG., Aberdeen Library, 7:30 p.m.
4. Wednesday, February 26: TRL BOARD, TRL Service Center, 7:30 p.m.
5. Tuesday, March 11: ABERDEEN LIBRARY BOARD MEETING, Aberdeen Library, 4:00 p.m.
6. Sunday-Saturday, April 6-12: NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
7. Tuesday, April 15: "BELLE OF AMHERST" Grays Harbor College, 8:15 p.m.
8. Wednesday-Saturday, April 23-26: WASHINGTON LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, Spokane

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Tom Brennan at 4:07 p.m. Other members present were James Brown, Richard Merrick and Dorothy Vekich. Weedy McCauley had notified the Board that she would be late in arriving.

STAFF PRESENT
MINUTES

Christine Peck, Sue Reynvaan, Jay Windisch.
It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as mailed, motion carried.

BILLS

ASSOCIATION MEMBER-
SHIPS

The question concerning individual versus institutional memberships in the library associations was discussed. Christine explained the various benefits of each membership, including the fact that the lobbyist hired by WLA (Washington Library Association) was funded through membership dues. Following the explanations, James Brown moved to continue with individual memberships for the members of the Board. The motion was seconded by Richard Merrick, motion passed. The bills were approved by the Board and signed for payment as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TRL BUDGET/PRO-
RATION UPDATE

Christine reported to the Board that there were at present two legislative bills concerning contracts and loans, measures to avoid the worst effects of prorationing. They are both in the House Ways and Means Committee, but the deadline for action in Committee was fast approaching. There followed a discussion on the aspects and possibilities of the bills, noting that it might perhaps be a backdoor to supplemental funding.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

TRL CUTS

Christine asked the Board to consider what cuts might be possible in the future. TRL had to come up with over \$35,000.00 this year, possibly more in 1987. There was also a discussion of the information from the TRL director Lon Dickerson concerning the transfer of a Reference Librarian, Range 22 position, from Olympia to Centralia. The position in Olympia will not be filled in the near future. If it is filled, it would be at a lower range. The Board also discussed the aspects of the proposed mini-libraries in Naselle and the East Lewis County area, in terms of the budget, public relations, etc. The pros and cons of annexation and its effects were also considered by the Board. Christine noted that more and more areas are now reaching their tax limit, and that there are so many small variables, such as the tiniest overlap of districts that can throw the area into prorationing. The Board directed James Brown to write a letter to Mr. Dickerson, TRL Director, and Karen Herrell, Grays Harbor TRL Board Member, concurring with the Director's proposed solutions concerning the Public Relations Officer and the Olympia Reference position.

REFERENCE TRANSFER

NEW MINI LIBRARIES

BOARD LETTER

NEW BUSINESS

OFFICERS

Being the annual meeting of the Board, Tom Brennan "rotated" from Vice-Chair to Chairman of the Board. Dorothy Vekich was selected as Vice-Chair/Chair Elect. The Board then held their annual review of the By-Laws. It was decided that the meeting time of the Board would remain the same, 4:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. As for the Librarian's Annual Report, Christine noted that it was unrealistic to have the report due at the February meeting of the Board. Christine explained that the necessary information was not usually available until later. It would be more realistic to have the annual report due by the April meeting of the Board, but that it might be ready by the March meeting. James Brown moved to make an exception to the annual report for the present meeting, motion seconded by Dorothy Vekich. During discussion, the Board decided to have that section of the By-Laws be considered for change at the next meeting of the Board, following the rule of having 10 days' notice before a change in the By-Laws could take permanent effect. Motion carried. Richard Merrick moved that all Standing Committees be dissolved. James Brown seconded the motion,

BY-LAWS

ANNUAL REPORT

BY-LAWS REVISION

STANDING COMMITTEES

NEW BUSINESS, CONT'D.

motion carried.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT
(ALA)

Dorothy Vekich was excused at 5:10 p.m. Christine informed the members of the Board about the Public Library Development Program through ALA (American Library Association) and information to help better evaluate and manage libraries. A \$100.00 donation was asked, but Christine noted that this was not needed now, but perhaps the Board would like to discuss the program at a future meeting.

COLLEGE NIGHT

It was reported that there was a good turn-out for College Night, which was held at the Aberdeen Library and featured Jim Fenton of Grays Harbor College who explained, among other things, applications for financial aid.

BOARD ORIENTATION

LIBRARY "BILL OF
RIGHTS"

The Board discussed the Library Bill of Rights in view of the interpretation and application to day-to-day library business. It was noted that "we are returning to Community Standards". James Brown asked what "cooperation" as used in Article IV meant, and to what groups did it relate. After further Board discussion, Richard Merrick moved that the Library Bill of Rights be posted in a visible spot in the public area of the library. James Brown seconded the motion, motion carried.

Weedy McCauley arrived at the meeting.

MEETING ROOM POLICY

James Brown felt that the Board should have the City Attorney's Office check the Meeting Room Policy and Application for Use form. The Board also directed that the Meeting Room Policy be posted in the meeting room.

REPORTS

YA LABELING

Sue Reynvaan noted that the question about the Children's/Young Adult age cut-off keeps coming up, and that this is an unclear situation in TRL. The Board and staff then discussed some of the questions and elements considered in classifying materials "J" or "YA", and the location of these materials.

WEEDY MCCAULEY

Weedy McCauley was thanked by the Board and Staff for her past 1½ years as Chair of the Board.

SHELVING/VOLUNTEERS

Tom Brennan noted that elements of humor were kept up in the various staff reports, despite rough times. Weedy McCauley asked about problems with shelving materials and what kind of time lag there was in materials getting back on the shelves. She also asked if the library was considering the use of volunteers to assist in this. Christine replied that January was a very busy month traditionally, and consideration of using volunteers was in the future, depending upon circumstances.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAJAMA STORY TIME

Christine noted the Belle of Amherst, Let's Talk About It, and the Friends of the Library Program in the announcements section of the agenda. Sue noted the evening Pajama Story ½ hour.

READING PROGRAM

Richard Merrick asked if there were a Reading Program in the area, and Christine explained the Let's Talk About It program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Jay Hendrich