

ABERDEEN TIMBERLAND LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY MEETING
13 DECEMBER 1988
AGENDA

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Approval of Bills
5. Unfinished Business
 - A. TRL Organizational Structure & Comparable Worth
6. New Business
 - A. 1989 Goals & Objectives
7. Staff Reports: Riley, Windisch, Peck
8. Announcements
9. Adjournment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Tuesday, December 13: AB LIB BOARD MEETING, Aberdeen Library, 4 p.m.
2. Wednesday, December 21: TRL BOARD MEETING, TRL SC, 7:30 p.m.
3. Saturday-Monday, December 24-26: MERRY CHRISTMAS! Library Closed
4. Monday, January 2: HAPPY NEW YEAR! Library Closed
5. Tuesday, January 10: AB LIB BOARD MEETING, Aberdeen Library, 4 p.m.
6. Monday, January 16: MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY, Library Closed
7. Tuesday, January 17: RETIREMENT PLANNING, Aberdeen Library 7-8:30 p.m.
8. Tuesday, January 24: ESTATE PLANNING, Aberdeen Library 7-8:30 p.m.
9. Wednesday, January 25: JOE PISCATELLA LECTURE, Weatherwax Auditorium, 7 p.m.
10. Thursday, January 26: LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY, Olympia State Capitol

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Dorothy Vekich, Chair. Other Board Members present included James Brown, Lee Rhoden and Weedy McCauley. Tom Brennan was absent. Special refreshments were served in honor of Weedy McCauley's years of service.

STAFF PRESENT

Christine Peck, Jay Windisch, Joanne Riley.

MINUTES

Weedy McCauley moved approval of the minutes; Lee Rhoden seconded. Minutes stood approved.

BILLS

Bills were circulated.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

PARKING

Christine Peck reported that the Board's letter had been received by the City Council and had been referred to the Public Works Department. This Dept. met today and felt that: 1. the yellow strip could be removed up to 30 ft. from the curb and would be removed if possible. 2. As to the library parking zone, designated 20 minutes, in front of the library -- it is a policy (although not an ordinance) not to designate parking for any specific institution. The Department is looking at posting 20 min. parking in front of both the library and Sea-First on the Market St. side. Both the bank and the library would benefit from this.

In addition, Chris reported that the transit department was also contacted. They confirmed that in March several 20 min. spots will open up across the street.

There followed some discussion about whether or not the library should push for labeled parking spaces. Dorothy Vekich inquired about the book drop space that was to be designated load/unload. Chris said that that was not yet resolved. The possibility of having a drive-up book drop in the alley behind the library was also discussed. Chris Peck elaborated some of the many issues involved including vandalism and the difficulty of getting through the alley. Jim Brown felt that the Board should not concede the issue and still should ask for library marked parking with load/unload designation being the most important point.

Weedy suggested that the Board go back to Public Works and say that parking across the street and in front of the library and Sea-First is fine and request again that library parking and load/unload be done. Chris Peck said that perhaps a letter expressing these concerns should be written after City Hall has given a formal response to the previous requests. She could also talk to Rudy again and say: "We are very happy about..., but would still appreciate..."

NEW BUSINESS

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 1987

Christine Peck reported that the Goals themselves and the 'A' portion of each Goal have not really changed. The 'B' portion is what is different. Last month the Board discussed setting priorities. Chris underscored I, B as a priority. There followed much discussion about the weeding of dead storage and evaluation and weeding of the magazine holdings. Chris

explained that Timberland wanted Aberdeen to review the magazine collection to determine: which things we were not using; things that were such a short run as to not be valuable; things that might be more useful in some other library. Jay gave examples of some things that had not been used at all for years, and some things that another library might have more call for. Chris asked the Board if it still felt that it wanted absolutely everything kept or if she and Jay could look over the items in dead storage to determine what should be saved. Lee Rhoden wondered whose decision it really was. Christine explained that it was really Timberland's since the collection, after Aberdeen joined the System, was owned by the System.

Jim Brown said that he would like to see a list of things that actually belong to this Library. He also did not feel comfortable about making a decision to discard items without consulting Rosalie Spellman. Chris said that she had talked with her last week and that she didn't feel as strongly as before about the need to keep absolutely everything. Mrs. Spellman said that we need to keep things useful for the people we are serving.

Weedy McCauley proposed that the Board trust Chris and Jay to look over the materials and make decisions. The Board will then stand behind those decisions.

Jim Brown pointed out that the library has a fiduciary responsibility. The people that gave things intended that they be here for the community to use. He felt reluctance to frustrate the original purpose of the giver.

Chris pointed out, however, that the public library cannot be a depository for everything. After further discussion, it was more or less agreed to let Chris and Jay, together with Mrs. Spellman, review the situation. Jay also reported on InfoTrak II, a magazine article retrieval system, which the library would be receiving shortly.

Chris Peck then moved along to consideration of the other '88 objectives. Under III, B, 4, she mentioned that each library building in the district was evaluated so that the layout was such that the staff could be utilized to best effect. Mr. Dickerson visited the library and took a copy of the Aberdeen floor plan. He is working on redesign possibilities. There followed some discussion of the merits of this. Jay pointed out the need to consider the long term effects on maintenance, janitorial needs and the like. Chris mentioned aesthetic considerations.

Chris resumed discussion of the Objectives and mentioned that IV and V have not changed and that she remains involved.

Jim Brown then moved that the Board commend Weedy McCauley for her services and all the good things she has done. He said how much he had enjoyed working with her. All members seconded.

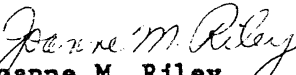
Lee Rhoden moved that the Goals and Objectives for 1988 be adopted. Jim Brown seconded. Motion carried.

Chris Peck reported that new mayor O'Dean Williamson will be at the January Board Meeting.

There followed some discussion of possible replacements for Weedy McCauley.

De facto adjournment occurred at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Joanne M. Riley
Children's Librarian