

TIMBERLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION
Service Center, 415 Airdustrial Way S.W., Olympia, WA 98501

May 8, 1999

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Peggy Meyer, President; Art Blauvelt; Jean Davies; Bill Lawrence; Douglas Mah; Glen Nutter; Janelle Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Thelma Kruse; Tina Roose

GUESTS PRESENT: Ken Bragg; Don Hewitt; Duane King, Olympia Library Board; Kevin O'Sullivan, Thurston County Commissioner

President Meyer called the work session to order at 9:50 a.m. and the Board met until noon. Ms. Meyer called for an Executive Session at 12:15 p.m. pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i) and RCW 42.30.110(g) at which TRL's legal counsel, Craig Hanson, was present. The Executive Session ended at 1:35 p.m. and the Board continued in the work session.

The Services and Facilities Plan was discussed. Mr. Lawrence and Ms. Davies raised concerns that there was not enough time for public comments or interaction. In response to concerns about how few Community Advisory Community members were able to attend all of the meetings, Mr. Nutter and Ms. Meyer said it was extremely difficult to bring people from five counties together to support things that are just concepts.

One of the points raised was to tie the standards in the Services and Facilities Plan to the operating principles delineated in the Long Range Plan. Questions were raised about the mechanisms we should propose for funding. So far the assessment of needs has been primarily at the staff level.

Ms. Kruse presented three main priorities of the Services and Facilities Plan: (1) equality of service; (2) high quality of service; and (3) service to the underserved. Mr. Mah characterized these as equal, accurate and timely. He suggested that instead of using the word "standard" that we use the words "performance objectives" or "expectations." Other Board members preferred the word "standards." Ms. Kruse invited all the Board members to go through the Services and Facilities Plan documentation and identify items which are unclear. She highlighted the actions and priorities of the Services and Facilities Plan. Mr. Mah recommended we do a peer review of these actions and a reality check with neighboring libraries such as Sno-Isle Regional Library and Fort Vancouver Regional Library. He suggested we check with other service providers (e.g. colleges) to see how to they serve people (e.g. tribes). In discussing facilities, Ms. Kruse made

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the point that residents Timberland serves use multiple libraries making it impossible to identify discrete service areas for each library.

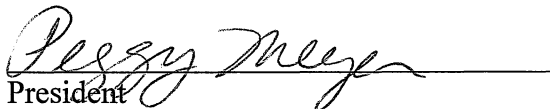
Mr. Blauvelt suggested that staff now take the priorities and assign costs to their implementation. Questions were raised about the Central Resource Center. What does it consist of? Mr. Blauvelt, Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Mah comprise a previously appointed committee to work with staff on developing the proposal for a Central Resource Center.

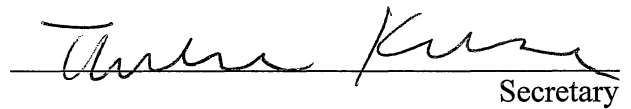
Ultimately, the Board indicated their support for the Services and Facilities Plan. Ms. Meyer will work with Ms. Kruse to review TRL's Partnership Program for Library Facilities. Mr. Mah, Mr. Nutter Mr. Lawrence, and Ms. Kruse will attend the Olympia City Council's May 25, 1999 meeting at which they will summarize TRL's Services and Facilities Plan.

There was discussion about the April 20, 1999 Special Board meeting on Internet Services. The Board has received a draft of the minutes of that meeting. Mr. Mah requested that the motion he made requesting the Library Director propose a plan to implement a method to provide that a portion of the public PCs with Internet access be filtered to prevent the viewing of sexually explicit images have the word "exclusively" added to clarify the intent of the motion. There was discussion of this proposal which Ms. Kruse is preparing for the May 26, 1999 Board meeting. Board members requested that staff attempt to find a way to close down a computer session when a person is finished, and discussed using the library card to access each session on the Internet.

Ms. Kruse announced that Liz Stroup has been hired as the Reference and Adult Services Coordinator.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.


Peggy Meyer
President


Theresa Kruse
Secretary