

TIMBERLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Raymond Timberland Library
507 Duryea Street, Raymond, WA 98577-1829
Wednesday, May 23, 2007

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Braun, Edna Fund, Peggy Johnson, Bob Hall, and Jo-Ann Andrews.

EXCUSED: Dick Nichols and Judy Weaver.

STAFF PRESENT: Jodi Reng, Mike Crose, Craig Hanson, Sally Nash, Gwen Culp, Emily Popovich, Rita Mueller, Lisa Mullen, Dawn VanHorn, Victoria Wortberg, Kristine Pointer, Iver Matheson, JoAnn Rucker, and Marian Thompson.

GUESTS PRESENT: LaRayne Watts, Heidi Bale, and Traute Bale.

President John Braun called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM

1. Jo-Ann Andrews led the pledge of allegiance.
2. Self-introductions of all present were made.
3. Approval of Agenda –
07-22 BOB HALL MOVED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING WITH THE ADDITION OF AN ITEM TO BE ADDED UNDER THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT CONCERNING A LETTER RECEIVED BY THE BOARD MEMBERS REGARDING A MOVIE IN THE COLLECTION. JO-ANN ANDREWS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.
4. Focus on the Local Library – Emily Popovich gave a lengthy history of the Raymond Library which began in 1911 and became part of the Timberland Library Demonstration project in 1964. In 1966 Raymond and Pacific County joined the Timberland Regional Library. There were displays in the meeting room showing the minutes from the first Board of Directors' meeting, blue prints for the building, etc. Ms. Popovich pointed out that many of the chairs purchased new in 1929 for the current building are still in use. In 1979 the Raymond Public Library was entered in the National Register of Historic Places. Ms. Popovich stated that the building is in need of painting, inside and out.

5. Correspondence/Public/Board Comments
 - a. Correspondence – Jodi Reng read a letter from a gentleman from Nova Scotia who not only commended Christine Peck and Thirza Krohn for excellent service but who also sent a check to the Foundation in appreciation. In addition, Jodi read an e-mail she received concerning Bonnie Lee Wooldridge Sayce, a former long-time TRL Ocean Park Librarian who recently passed away. Iver Matheson, Michael Crose and Sally Nash spoke of their memories of Bonnie Sayce.
 - b. No public comment.
 - c. No Board Comments.
6. Director's Report
 - a. Jodi Reng gave a brief report prepared by Tim Mallory on the success of the Timberland Reads Together *My Antonia*. Although there are still a couple of programs being performed, TRT is about over until 2009. There have been many positive comments received and the great turnout at events. The National Endowment for the Arts gave Timberland a \$20,000 grant for this program and selected TRL to be one of four grant recipients to be part of their study. NEA staff spent three days going to performances and determining how others can use our program experience. Jo-Ann Andrews commended Tim Mallory for the great job he did on this project.
 - b. In an effort to keep the meeting short, Jodi Reng suggested that the Board read the Service Stories at their leisure.
 - c. Buildings Report –.Michael Crose gave the Buildings Report in place of Mr. Wessells. Mr. Crose stated that there are four major projects in the works: the remodel of the community building that houses the Ilwaco library; Chehalis new library; early conversations with the City of Olympia on a possible new library; and the possible new Lacey Library at Hawks Prairie. Mr. Crose stated that the Chehalis campaign was going well and the City of Chehalis had received pledges for 100% of construction costs and would therefore go to bid in July. The temporary facility should be ready by June 19. Mr. Crose stated that a committee is interviewing consultants to conduct a survey of people in Lacey and Olympia on the libraries and the need for additional libraries. City officials in Lacey have stated that they secured a five acre parcel that could house a 20,000 – 30,000 square foot library and they are committed to half of the financing.
 - d. No Community Reports.

- e. Chehalis Capital Campaign - Victoria Wortberg reported that although the Governor's Budget included \$500,000 for the new library, those funds have not been received and therefore were not part of her financial statement. However, the \$97,200 from Timberland is shown as a pledge until the Board approves the expenditure and the check is issued.

Ms. Wortberg informed the Board that at the Foundation Board meeting on May 21, the Foundation decided to change their by-laws to allow the Foundation to help local Friends groups in their fundraising, record keeping, etc. In addition, it was suggested that the Foundation recruit members of the local Friends' boards. Ms. Wortberg will update the Board as these plans are formalized.

- f. Jodi Reng stated that she had a copy of the letter a patron wrote in response to another patron's Letter to the Editor. A lengthy discussion by the Board ensued. Ms. Reng stated that TRL is in the process of trying to identify a dependable rating agency that rates foreign films. A letter will be sent to this patron explaining the action taken in response to the letter.

John Braun called for a 15 minute break at 8:17, during which time those present sang Happy Birthday to Jo-Ann. The meeting came back to order at 8:40.

7. Financial Report - Michael Crose presented the financial report, highlighting various expenses and revenues that have occurred during the normal course of business.
8. Voucher Report - Mr. Crose presented the voucher statements and declared that the voucher report showed the normal flow of business. However, there was a misunderstanding with the accountant on issuing the \$97,200 check to the Foundation for the Chehalis Timberland Library Capital Campaign. After discussion:

07-23 BOB HALL MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A \$97,200 CHECK TO THE TRL FOUNDATION FOR THE CHEHALIS BUILDING PROJECT WITH THE AUTHORIZATION LOG TO BE SIGNED BY THE BOARD AFTER THE FACT. JO-ANN ANDREWS SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Consent Agenda

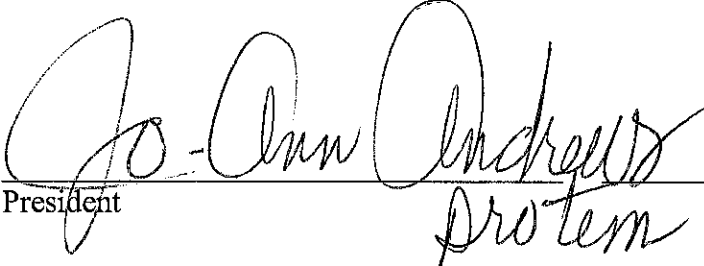
07-24 EDNA FUND MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA; JO-ANN ANDREWS SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

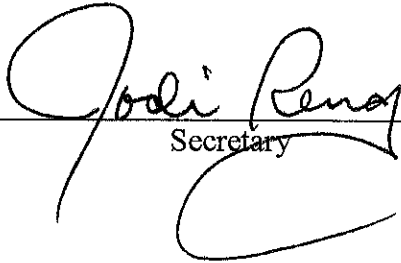
10. There was no Unfinished Business.
11. There was no New Business.
12. Discussion Items – City maintenance of TRL libraries remanded to the Facilities Committee.

13. No Board Reports

John Braun reminded the Board of the Executive Session at the Service Center on June 14 at noon.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.


President


Secretary