

KRUM LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING NOTES
FEBRUARY 26, 2008

Members Present: John Thompson
Martha Sides
Donna O'Dania
Donna Pierce – Librarian

Bonnie Barthold
Paul Leibrock
Linda Schamber

Visitors: Terri Wilson – Mayor

I. Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm. A motion was made by John Thompson to approve the Minutes, 2nd by Linda Schamber.

II. FOL Update – Sandy out sick, Paul gave update. Book Sale is March 8th.

III. Directors Updates.

April's Poetry and Jazz Month is ready. Flyers will be handed out at Sonic, and articles will be sent to the paper. We have 4 programs scheduled. Including one for the night of our April board meeting.

Summer Reading Program is being planned. The opening and closing programs are scheduled. Prizes were discussed. We are thinking of just giving out small prizes as logs are turned in. Too many children aren't available for the entire program so giving out "grand prizes" is hard. The Mayor suggested renting a cotton candy machine or a snow cone machine for a party. She also suggested contacting the owner of Party City about buying prizes through her store.

Holiday closings were discussed. March 21st and July 4th are city holidays. Both are also on a Friday. The library would like to be closed the following Sat. Other holidays we will be closed the same days as the city.

The Director will be out March 19th and possibly March 31st. She is also planning vacation for the first week of May. The board chair will be unavailable March 27 and May 25.

The library received a \$15,000.00 grant from Praxair to buy children's non-fiction books. Because the grant request was for money to buy books from the KnowBuddy catalog the director is planning on spending \$10,000.00 with them. The remaining \$5000.00 will be with other publishers for books such as the Eyewitness books that are on display.

The library will be getting signage for the shelves from the Regional Library system. This will really help patrons locate items.

We also received the first shelf unit from the Denton Benefit League. It has been placed at the front of the library to display the new Bluebonnet books.

IV. Library board and community involvement. Paul asked that the library and board be informed anytime the board is listed as sponsoring an event. Even if the board does not need to do anything; it is nice to know before it is published in the paper.

V. Finance:

Between the termites and the roof the building maintenance fund of \$500 is totally shot.

Paul discussed the status of the building fund. The interest deposits are down. This is due to the fund being tied to treasury rates. John Thompson suggested that we put the bulk of the building fund into certificates of deposits as they would get higher interest. Paul then asked the mayor if we can get copies of the bank statements showing deposits.

She reassured him that the city is not stealing the money and that it is in good hands. The director mentioned that people don't always like donating money to the library if they think that money is going into the general fund. Bonnie Barthold mentioned that the building fund was started with the idea of it being separate from the city. The idea was discussed of putting that money into a library foundation. Research is needed on foundation.

VI. Roof

The director updated the board on the status of the roof repair. Councilman Joe Beall checked the roof and stated that although it wasn't as good a job as we would have hoped for, the company did do what they said they did.

VII. Long Range Plan

The director asked for a volunteer to start working on putting the state standards into a form to be used for the long range plan. Donna O'Dania volunteered to take on the job. Linda Schamber volunteered to edit and to be available to "bounce ideas around."

VIII. Other

John Thompson asked which sign design we liked for the outdoor sign. Version number 3 was the unanimous choice of the board. He asked the director to e-mail the signs to him so he can take it to the sign maker.

Martha Sides mentioned that Krum Bright and Beautiful was starting a paper recycling collection center. The library will be one of the locations. The west side of the building was agreed upon for the bin.

The director asked that the library join with the North Texas Regional Library System in a Shared Integrated Library System. The estimated cost for the first year is just under \$4000. This money can come from Loan Star funds and the computer fund. If the regional system receives a grant the cost will drop to just under \$2000. It could then be paid from the library's computer fund. The first payment would not be due until FY 2009-10 (Dec. 2008). The regional library will help any library that needs to re-barcode books. The Mayor questioned whether the regional library will still be available in future years. The director reassured her that there are no signs that the state will dissolve the regional library system anytime soon. The mayor also wanted to know how many libraries are in the NTRL system, as just 14 are thinking about

joining. The director said she would find out this information and get back to the mayor.

Linda Schamber moved to have the director write and sign a letter of commitment, John Thompson seconded. Everyone approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.