

KRUM LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING NOTES

March 25, 2008

Members Present: John Thompson
Paul Leibrock
Donna O'Dania
Ty Mote
Donna Pierce- Librarian

Visitors: Terri Wilson, Mayor; Chris Rodriguez, Councilmember.

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm. A quorum was not present.
- II. Recap from Friends of the Library: Paul Leibrock
 - A. Book sale rescheduled for April 19th
 - B. Sandy needs volunteers.
- III. Update from our librarian (Donna Pierce)
 - A. Poetry & Jazz month
 1. We have 4 programs lined up. No board meeting April 22nd as we have a program that evening.
 - B. Grants
Librarian has applied for 16 grants to date. Received grants 5 for a total of \$32,321.41.
 - C. Furniture
 1. Tocker Grant will fund the replacement of computer tables and chairs, plus picture book shelving.
 2. This will require disposal of old items. There are a couple of new libraries that might want these items. None of the current items were purchased with city money – most are donations from other libraries. The Mayor will look into whether we could have a garage sale or if we should just find a place to donate these items.
 - D. Budget
 1. Current status – all areas are good except for building maintenance.
 2. Next year
Librarian would like to have city see that we are way below where we should be. The average for library funding is 2 -4 % of a cities budget. We are at 1.5%. We may not meet state standards, which could affect our funding from the state. However, we do recognize the fact that we probably can't be funded to 4%.

3. Termites

The library needs to know what kind of contract we have with the pest control people in order to budget for next year.

IV. Board president updates

A. Vehicle sales ordinance sign

This was discussed but other than making sure the police ticket people parking their cars with “for sale signs,” there isn’t much that can be done.

B. Locking dumpster

Various solutions were discussed concerning controlling access to the dumpster. The mayor will look into getting a “home sized” can, and a way to secure it.

C. Location of portable building.

Mayor confirmed that the building is on school property and had been okayed by all the correct parties. Ty Mote commented on the banner as it appears to be advertising.

V. Board member updates.

Donna O’Dania told how much great information is on the state library site for standards. She will work on using the standards to form the “backbone” of our next long range plan.

Paul asked John Thompson about building fund being put into a CD. This has been done- it will make about 4% interest. There should be a thousand or so dollars left in the money market account to handle deposits. Paul will pick up a copy of the transaction for library records.

VI. Items for next meeting – which will be May 20th.

1. Update on Summer Reading Program

Paul is working with Chief Swindell and other people on a car safety program. Part of the program would be how to check the oil, tires, etc. The other part would be how to drive safely in various conditions – high water, for example.

2. Nelson Center – in need of books.

Ty volunteered to buy children’s books from the book sale to donate to the center. The librarian noted that when the 532 new non-fiction books are shelved more of the older non-fiction will be weeded. The Ty asked if the library system can help with the weeding. The short answer is “Not really”. Just because a book hasn’t been checked out doesn’t mean it should be weeded (Shakespeare for example). Also, copyright date isn’t always a good indication – some literary works are still worth keeping, even if the book is older. It is an intuitive job – with criteria that is available through various library organizations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.