

Library Board Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debbie Spitzer, David Braun, Elizabeth Ellson, Willa Olivier, Jane Ryan, Daniel White, City Administrator Nick Koverman, and Librarian Sharon Grossardt

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jill Mueller, Kay Phelps

President Debbie Spitzer called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

BOARD MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes of the January 11, 2010 meeting on a motion by Dan White, seconded by Jane Ryan. Motion declared carried.

REPORTS FROM SELCO / SELCO LIBRARY FOUNDATION / FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Librarian Grossardt had nothing new to report from SELCO. She will attend a rescheduled Advisory Committee meeting next Tuesday.

Debbie Spitzer said the Library Foundation board has not met recently.

Sharon Grossardt reported that she has purchased some Disney DVDs that Friends will pay for. Liz Ellson said she has passed on to Linda Mueller the contact information of someone who could make shelves.

FINANCIAL & CIRCULATION REPORTS

The Petty Cash and Circulation reports for January were approved on a motion by Jane Ryan, seconded by Dan White. Motion declared carried.

PROGRAMMING

The fifth STAR (St. Charles Teachers As Readers) Saturday was February 6th with Tami Young, and about 20 people attended. There are three STAR Saturdays remaining, with the next session scheduled for March 6th.

The adult and teen winter reading program "Hot Reads for Cold Nights" is going well. It will run through March 20th.

FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Jane Ryan reported that letters asking for support will be going out to businesses later this month. The planning committee also will be creating posters and getting information in the newspapers.

LIBRARY GOALS FOR 2010

Goals for 2010 goals were discussed. Two items were added to the short-range list: finding a new board member and using Legacy funding for artistic or cultural programming. Dave Braun

suggested some landscaping might be done by Eagle Scouts. Concerns were expressed about roof replacement: should it be moved to a mid-range goal? Movie licensing restrictions were discussed.

Dave Braun made the motion, seconded by Dan White, that the following goals be adopted:

**Short-Range Goals:**

- Fill the opening on the Library Board
- Provide ongoing publicity through regular newspaper articles
- Get a more interactive Web presence, with at least an updateable Library web page
- Complete the mural in the children's area
- Acquire additional furnishings and equipment
- Continue to develop collections in new formats, e.g. DVDs
- Develop additional fundraising ideas, especially for Gladiolus Days
- Explore the possibility of Movie Nights for the public
- Partner with local organizations to promote the Library
- Promote volunteerism
- Make use of Legacy funding opportunities

**Mid-Range Goals**

- Beef up the Library's offerings, e.g. author nights
- Partner with Community Education and other groups through use of the meeting room

**Longer-Range Goals:**

- Design, order, and place a formal donor recognition plaque
- Landscaping
- Provide subscription reference database(s), e.g. a genealogical research database
- Keep up with new technology, and make it available to the public
- Building improvements, e.g. roof replacement

Motion declared carried.

**OTHER**

Nick Koverman said that the city Safety Committee will do a safety inspection walkthrough of the library on February 26th. This is a preventive and educational procedure performed annually on a city building.

Nick Koverman will see that our tree is advertised on the city cable.

The next Board meeting will be March 8th.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. on a motion by Dave Braun, seconded by Willa Olivier. Motion declared carried.