

## **PARK CITY LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES FOR JANUARY 8, 2010**

Present: Kate Reichartinger, chair; Pat Ball, Shaun Jackson, Marlene Ligare, Benjamin Nitka, Bobbie Pyron, Nann Worrel, Veronica Miller

Liaisons: Friends of the Library, Jo Janger

Library Staff: Linda Tillson, Brian Hartmann

Guest: Tom Bakaly, City Manager

### **Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2009**

Nann moved to approve, Bobbie seconded, and the Board unanimously voted to approve the November 13 minutes with two corrections: The Friends exceeded what they **could** keep in savings; Linda met with John to go over **the numbers** of the situation.

### **Communications and Disclosures**

Linda - Heather Reynolds and Dana Williams were “people that make a difference” in a local magazine.

Nann reported that the People’s Health Clinic started a literacy program at their new location with volunteers reading to kids in the waiting room.

The Board talked about Roger Harlan’s passing, and his many contributions to Park City and the Library. Linda suggested naming the meeting room after Roger. The Board liked the idea, and the Friends offered to make the signs. Linda will check with Roger’s wife, Marilyn, to get approval.

### **New Business**

Tom Bakaly spoke about the Park City (PC) Library’s level of interagency cooperation with Summit County (SC). Kate stated that PC funded reciprocal borrowing (**RB**) with a goal of more seamless library use, and SC planned not to fund it. Tom noted that if interagency cooperation was easy everyone would be doing it. When SC had no recreation facility they contracted with the City for its use, though fees were higher for SC residents. As population shifted to SC, they built the Basin recreation facility, and a fee differential no longer made sense, because each had a facility. PC ran the sports programs. Now PC and SC run the program and share facilities. The golf course equalized its fees, and noticed an increase in numbers, but not a decrease in service levels.

The stages of interagency cooperation are: separate, interfaced, integrated, and one. PC is at stage three, integrated with SC in the areas of recreation and transit. SC had planned a separate transit system. We decided to work together after seeing how Cache County/Logan ran transit together. The Library is last to stage three, integration, and Tom would like to figure it out. At a recent meeting, SC policy makers learned that PC residents pay yearly \$150,000 in taxes to use SC Library. An estimate for all SC residents to use the PC library is almost \$150,000.

Marlene mentioned that previously SC Library balked at splitting \$20,000 for SC student use of PC Library. Tom’s perception is that the decision makers are not balking. Ben said that no one in the room is against streamlining the SC patron experience. Linda noted that SC’s count of Park City resident users seemed high. Ben wondered if it include seasonal users? Tom said “I hear the Library plans to bring on a consultant. We had luck with a consultant at the Ice Rink.”

Tom discussed a memorandum of understanding which is a formal structure that is not binding but automatically renews. Kate expressed concerns about Board and council members changing and priorities shifting about **RB** and seamless service for City and County patrons. Tom suggested working with SC Library staff, primarily their Board and the County Council on the goal of seamless service.

Kate said the **RB** estimate for new cards was 68 and now we have more than 307. Linda said the estimate has thus far worked economically, without affecting service levels. Linda said that PC and SC will share the cost for meeting with consultant Pete Giacoma on January 14<sup>th</sup>. On the agenda are the numbers and library equity.

Kate asked if Park City would maintain its identity, not becoming “One” with the County. Tom’s vision is that PC Library maintains control of what happens here, and decides areas beneficial for joint control/integration including **RB**. For example, PC and SC share costs of “Play” magazine, saving \$5,000 each. Linda noted that funding for both PC and SC Libraries comes from their general funds. Tom explained that a special funding district requires funds from all SC towns, many without a library. Also it does not solve the problem of PC Library allowing SC residents use of PC Library.

Kids don’t know if they are using at a PC or SC facility. Often parents don’t know either. Linda mentioned helping a patron earlier who thought they lived in PC but lived in SC outside the City limits. Tom talked about what areas have the P.C. brand as a community.

Linda thanked Tom for his presentation.

### **Director’s Report**

It looks like the Library will be implementing the 5% reduction, including a little reduction of part-time hours, and eliminating the kids catalog. The staff do not want to cut books from the budget. Ben mentioned that the Friends have helped us in a time of need. Linda echoed that we are fortunate that we have the Friends.

Chris is using free software to market the Library catalog with a “Book River” of book jackets.

Linda distributed the Long Range plan in preparation for the February planning meeting.

Compared to last November and December, numbers are down some, possibly due to fewer foreign ski resort worker and tourists. Ben stated that Deer Valley cut part time ski instructors and more employees are from the states. Marlene noted that wireless use is substantial. Ben said free student cards numbers are big.

### **Friends of the Library Report**

Jo reported that there are many new members on the Friends Board. She is excited to be the new co-chair, joining Trine in that capacity. Jo thanked Barbara Bretz for her service.

### **Old Business**

The letter of intent was approved by the City Council, the County Library Board, the County Council. Expertise beyond what we now have will help move us forward, so PC and SC budget and Library Directors will meet with Pete Giacoma on January 14th. Pete is former Davis County Library Director and works as a consultant.

Kate, Marlene and Linda discussed recent trustee training at the State Library including 21<sup>st</sup> Century Library Skills (new ways of learning, job retraining, technology, etc.) Linda will send a related link to the Board.

After discussion, Linda proposed to draft a letter in favor of continued funding for the State Library, because of all they do for Utah libraries. The Board approved of the idea.

Historically the Board’s planning meeting is 3 hours long. Those present decided to meet 11am -2pm on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Veronica motioned to adjourn, Pat seconded, and all moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 1:40pm.