

## **LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES FOR MAY 1, 2009**

Present: Kate Reichartinger; vice chair, Pat Ball, Chris Cherniak, Marlene Ligare, Veronica Miller

Excused: Nann Worel, Bill Jahsman, Shaun Jackson

Library Staff: Linda Tillson, Brian Hartmann

City Council Liaison: Roger Harlan

### **Approval of Minutes from April 3**

Marlene moved to approve the April 3, 2009 minutes; Chris seconded, and the Board unanimously approved.

### **Communications and Disclosures**

Mid-April, Kate and Marlene were interviewed at the State Library about being on a successful Library Board.

Roger sent a letter in December inviting the Park City Educational Foundation to participate financially in Reciprocal Borrowing for students. It has been some time since the Foundation received additional written information, so Roger and the City Council stopped pursuing the matter. The Library will continue to track the free cards for Summit County students, funded by the City and Summit County.

### **Director's Report**

The decision to fund Phase II of Reciprocal Borrowing will come before the City Council in June. No children attended storytime April 30, likely due to reports of Swine Flu. Within the hour, the City cancelled group youth recreation programs.

The Frontline shorts program generated discussion among the 10 attendees on subjects such as Kiva.org and Chris's presentation on Park City's carbon footprint.

Park City High teacher Roger Arsht asked if the Library would consider for its One Book, "Canaries on the Rim", the book students are reading this summer. The Committee chose it as One Book for the City and County Libraries. Kate suggested that a student could do a review of "Canaries on the Rim". Chris expressed interest in interviewing Chip Ward on his KPCW show.

Six staff members went to the ULA conference April 23-24th. Linda thought this was the best ULA so far. Aided by a conference planner, organizers had more time for presentations. Linda's presentation on Nepal had 5 attending, partly related to an unclear description in the ULA program.

Linda received 34 applications for the Adult Services position, which will narrow to eight telephone interviews and 3-4 in-person interviews. There are a number of impressive candidates. The interview panel will consist of Linda, Heather Reynolds, and representatives from Human Resources and the Library-Recreation-Golf Team. Chris asked if there were any internal applicants, and Linda said no. Roger asked if candidates are told about housing costs, and Linda said yes, at the final stages. Kate asked if this were a larger number of candidates because of the economy. Linda said yes, citing that in April, Human Resources had 10 times the typical number of applicants for one position.

Compared to April 2008, numbers for patron visits and circulation are up. Internet use is down on the Library computers, but might actually be up if we were able to track wi-fi use.

Chris asked if reports of the Swine Flu will cause the library to close. Linda said it depends on the information the City receives from the CDC. As a precaution the City has cancelled group youth recreational programs until May 4th. The Library has cancelled baby and me on Monday. The City may extend the cancellation to the end of next week.

The Board discussed the publicized incident of a possible gun/toy gun in the Library. Several members read the April Park Record article and had comments. The end result, said Linda, is that Police Chief Wade Carpenter will talk at the May 20<sup>th</sup> staff meeting about what steps to take if a (toy) gun is seen at the Library again. Board members are welcome to attend the meeting. About the incident, Linda noted there was a disconnect between what was reported to the staff by the patron at 6 pm, and what the patron reported to the police at approximately 8:30pm. The Board discussed concealed weapon permits and gun control. Linda mentioned the issue of how much information to give police without a subpoena. Staff may be required to give out their own name and contact information as witness.

Linda passed out a draft of the updated Long Range Plan draft; comments are welcome from the Board. Library staff also have a copy, and comments may come from them as well.

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

Linda heard from Barbara Bretz, who noted several new members on the FOL Board.

### **Old Business**

Regarding Board recruitment, two applications have been received as of May 1st. The Board discussed whether or not to give more time to receive applications. They voted to keep the deadline of April 30, proposed by Marlene, seconded by Chris.

### **New Business**

The Board discussed whether or not to change the meeting time. Two members with preferences were not present, so Kate opted to initiate further discussion, by email.

Linda attended a ULA program on "Sacred Cows", about rethinking how Libraries have always done things. One example is: some libraries stopped charging fines, and report that nearly 90% of patrons bring back items on time anyway. Another example is avoiding "new" stickers, which are difficult to remove, by putting only shiny new looking books on display. Linda also attended a program about a "Wandering Librarian" and her tour of public and academic libraries. Brian learned about the "ULA Certificate of Achievement", plus technology regarding "Reaching Millennials", and how Flickr.com works with social media.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.