

PARK CITY LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2009

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

Excused: Veronica Miller

Liaisons: City Council, Roger Harlan; Friends of the Library, Trine Nielsen

Library Staff: Heather Reynolds, Brian Hartmann

Approval of Minutes from September 11, and October 6, 2009

Marlene moved to approve the September 11 and October 6, 2009 minutes; Bobbie seconded, and the Board unanimously approved.

Communications and Disclosures

None

Director's Report

Funding for the Act group comes from all associated group members. For the Halloween safety event, transportation was provided to the kids by the Recreation Dept. They have a van and liability insurance for transport. A better model for the Library is to go to the sites where kids are, though Heather has used the City bus for transport with parent permission. The Summit County Library contacted Heather about their bookmobile going to several ACT sites.

The Board discussed the importance of hard copy encyclopedias in libraries. Fifty percent of library-proctored exams are paper and half on the computer. Bobbie Pyron's "The Ring" is a book for 14+ years. The Library is almost finished creating three study rooms out of staff offices. The tables and chairs, paid for by the friends, just arrived.

Jasmina Jusic has been selected to participate in ALA's Emerging Leaders Program. She is also participating in the 9th House Management Training provided by the State Library. Chris Youngblood also took the 9th House Training several years ago.

Compared to last October, patron visits and circulation numbers are down. Fewer visitors may be coming to town due to the economy. It has been busier the second week of November. Kate appreciated having the wireless usage figures. More locals will be hired at the ski resorts compared to last year. Reservations are down 20%, though St Regis is rumored to be fully booked. Marlene was interested in the usage statistics on the 307 Free Student Cards.

Friends of the Library Report

The Friends made \$10,500 from the Annual Book Sale, and broke even for the luncheon. Author John Quinones did not speak, though Barbara Bretz did a great job finessing at the luncheon. Attendees did not express feeling much disappointment about the speaker. It is a challenge to find an author, so anyone who knows an author, please contact the Friends. The Friends exceeded what they could keep in savings, so they spent approx \$8,677 on major requests from the Library: \$4,000 for study room furniture, \$2,400 on Jasmina's ALA travel.

The Friends approved several new Board Members: Jo Janger now shares the Co-Presidency with Trine, who has served 2 years. Barb stepped down after 3 years. To reduce the workload of the Co-Presidents, several permanent positions, publicity for example, were created. Additional KPCW book reviewers are being recruited from the Park City and Summit County Library Boards, and the Good Books Group. Barb Bretz is coordinating the reviews. There is no master list of Park City book clubs. To make more money than the \$3 the Friends are charging for some hardbacks, the Friends split profits 50/50 with an online bookseller, making approximately \$300 a month. Plus they make approximately \$200 a month from the FOL sale corner. The Friend's Board, and 2-3 others, sorts the book donations. The FOL appreciated the "thank you" lunch the Library gave them.

Old Business

During the joint meeting with the Summit County (S.C.) Library Board, the Park City (P.C.) Library thought Reciprocal Borrowing (R.B.) Stage II, for S.C. residents who work in the City, was on the table. John Hanrahan, of the County Council, said that they were not planning to renew funding for Stage I, the Free Student Cards. A better use of \$10,500 would be more S.C. Library funding, instead of perceived higher per-card funding of R.B. Though the P.C. Library would have a PR problem if the student cards ended, the County Council offered to take the blame.

After the joint meeting, Linda met with John to go over the numbers on the situation. Later John asked Interim County Manager, Brian Bellamy, to put R.B. for students back in the proposed budget. John and Sally Elliot are presently two out of five votes in favor of R.B. for students. Maddy Shear of the S.C. Board, advocated quick movement on R.B., even before the County Council voted on R.B. for students.

New Business

A number of City and County stakeholders met November 8th: Sally Elliot, John Hanrahan, Diana Remington, Liza Simpson, Roger Harlan, Tom Bakaly and Linda, etc. The result was library directors and budget personnel wrote a Letter of Intent, though the County budget person did not attend. The letter is a non-binding agreement, a "Plan for the Plan", for the Board to review. Ben - this Letter of Intent is a good faith proposal- effective till May 31, 2010. Roger - Though Liza and Tom may be on board for additional stages of R.B, Roger noted that full R.B.(Stage III) for all County Residents, had not been up for a Council vote. Linda noted that the option for Stage III, has an estimated cost per year of \$146,000. Kate - R.B. for students was estimated at 68, and is at 307, more than four times the original estimate. Multiply \$146,000 by the same amount it becomes \$660,000.

Linda – The Board also voted for R.B. II and City Council approved funding it pending the County Council's decision, which was no R.B. II (free cards for those who work in PC and live in County). Roger and Ben -Some at county not motivated at this time about R.B. They had numbers prepared to show its perceived lower per patron value. R.B. for students will continue to June 2010, and in Mid-November we'll know if the County will fund an additional year. By May 31 the Board can better determine what the County wants to do with R.B.

The Board discussed a possible feasibility study by Pete Giacoma, who can measure equity of Library systems, and recommend a tax/funding structure. Linda – it is possible to use some of this year's R.B. funds to pay a consultant. For part of Option B, the City and County continue to split costs for R.B: \$10,500 each for students. Marlene is fine with cards for students, but the great deal of money for full reciprocal borrowing is too much. Also Option B does not address the issue of Park City residents paying taxes for both City and County Libraries. Linda - It is possible to remove Option B, but it still has to go through City Council and be studied by City Staff. In Options A and C the City does not solely fund R.B. and assumes that Kamas and Coalville will also chip in on funding. A mill levy is special library district, similar to a fire district. Sally Elliot has been a booster for R.B. She would like to see more cooperation between the City and County Libraries. Tom is for more fluid interaction between City and County entities.

It is often unclear to County residents who live in the P.C. area, or have children in the Park City School district, that they do not live within the City limits. They may not be entitled to a free City Library Card. The PC Library bears the brunt of the P.R. problem when this happens. Linda – So if Student Card funding is cut off, it would be taking a step backward, when the object is to move forward with reciprocity. Kate - Do we want a task force for R.B.?

Is the Board comfortable with the Letter of Intent? The County Library Board is reviewing the same letter. Ben – I move that we attempt to submit the letter of intent to the proper authorities and continue this discussion. The motion was unanimously approved. By January the Board should know if the S.C. Library Board also approved the Letter of Intent.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30pm.