



Board of Trustees Regular Session Wednesday, April 20, 2016

*Present: Traci Black, Valerie Harsh, Gamal Herbon, Lois Holt, Holly Hult,
Pepper Pehrson*

Excused: Patricia Griffiths

Others: Kim Fong; Library Director, Traci Sutherland; Library Staff

1. Call to Order: President Black called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 March 2016

The minutes of the March 2016 meeting were approved with corrections on a motion made by Gamal Herbon, seconded by Holly Hult. Voting was unanimous in favor.

3. Public Comment

Director Fong recently trespassed a patron, Wayne Coombs, for repeatedly harassing her and other staff members about the Library's WiFi. Mr. Coombs had also contacted Board members Gamal Herbon and President Black. He had approached the staff in an aggressive manner several times because he was upset that his laptop was frequently disconnecting from the WiFi. He had

also called and left harassing voicemails on Director Fong's phone. Staff members offered to help him with his connection issues, but he refused to allow them access to his laptop. He was also asked to provide his IP address in an attempt to help solve his connection issues. He refused to provide his IP address or to share with staff members which websites he was viewing that may be blocked by our firewall. There are thousands of patrons who use the WiFi every month and Mr. Coombs is the only one who has approached staff members to complain about problems with the system. The laptop Mr. Coombs uses runs on the Windows Vista operating system, which is known for having issues with WiFi connectivity.

Because of his aggressive actions towards staff, a trespass notice was delivered to Mr. Coombs by a Murray Police officer. He was extremely upset about being trespassed, and staff members were advised by the police to immediately call 911 if he entered the building again. Any further issues with Mr. Cooper will be dealt with through the City Attorney's office.

4. Financial Report

The financial year is 75% through. Director Fong let Board members know that the Finance department mistakenly entered money received from a state grant into the copies and printing account. This error will be fixed on the next financial report. President Black asked if there was a correlation between credit card fees and fines received. Director Fong said that there is. It used to be that there were only a few online credit card payments a week, now there are at least one a day, if not more.

Director Fong told the Board that the Library has received 2 Federal grants. One was given to Marilyn Hurlow to attend a teen literature workshop, and another was awarded to Teresa McLeod for the upcoming Dia celebration on April 30. This money will

be used to pay for some of the performing groups, and also to provide books for the children attending the celebration.

5. Board Reports

President Black attended the recent Friends of the Library meeting. She reported on their plans for the lobby. The north wall of the lobby will be painted orange, and then there will be quotes and author pictures in black and white, with the word 'friend' highlighted in blue. There will also be TV display with library information. This will all cost approximately \$1200.

The Friends will also offer a scholarship. They have approved an amount and done the necessary paperwork with the high school to make it available to students who are graduating this year.

Director Fong reported on the broken Boy with Books statue. This statue was purchased by the Friends of the Library about 5 years ago, during the Centennial celebration. It has been outside, near the front entrance, but recently broke off of its granite base. It has now been moved to a storage closet. A metal worker has been contacted, and he said that he would be willing to look at it to see if it could be repaired, but to do this, the statue would need to be moved to his workshop in Sandy. Also, the remaining part of the statue which is still attached to the base would need to be removed. This process could be very expensive, and the welder may not even be able to fix it. There is also the possibility that even if he is able to fix it, because of the way it is designed, it may break again. The repair would be at least \$1000, if not more. At their recent meeting, the Friends discussed this issue, and would like to pursue at least getting an estimate as to how much the repair would cost. Since this statue was donated by their group to celebrate the Centennial, they are understandably upset about the damaged statue. Gamal Herbon said that some patrons had also spoken to him about the missing statue as well.

6. *Director's Report*

Director Fong presented the Director's report. She reported on the programs currently offered at the library- we have added 2 new bilingual storytimes, one in Spanish and one in Russian.

For the first time in a long time, the circulation year-to-date is down. This is a trend that has been happening to libraries everywhere for years, but is a recent occurrence for us. Our gate count is not down, meaning the same amount of people are still coming through our doors, they are just not checking items out.

Director Fong reported that next financial year, more money will be dedicated to e-resources. This includes ebooks and eaudiobooks, which the Library already offers, and will also include the addition of Hoopla to check out movies.

7. *Old Business*

None

8. *New Business*

See earlier discussion about the Friends statue.

9. *Adjournment*

Gamal Herbon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pepper Pehrson. Voting was unanimous in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.