

Present: Rick Slaven, Sharon Callen, Maria Meneghin, David White, Anisha Adke

Staff Present: Bill Baars, Beverly Ross

Excused: Fred Baldwin, Dave Short, Terry Huber

Others: Councilor Lauren Hughes

The Library Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Chair Rick Slaven at 7:10 p.m. on October 9, 2013.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Introductions

None

3. Approval of Minutes – September 11, 2013

The minutes were not available for approval.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Director's Report

Bill Baars gave the Director's Report as follows:

- Baars welcomed Councilor Lauren Hughes as the newly appointed Council Liaison to the LAB.
- Anisha Adke has been reappointed as the Youth Representative to the LAB for another year.
- At last night's City Council meeting a Proclamation was presented to the Friends of the Lake Oswego Library marking their 60th Anniversary and the important contribution that they have made to the Library. Baars said without the support of the Friends the Library would not be what it is today.
- On October 1 there was an anniversary celebration held at the Library for the Friends held at the Library. The reception was followed by music performed by Sally Harmon. In attendance were Mayor Kent Studebaker, Councilor Jon Gustafson, Councilor Skip O'Neill and Councilor Jeff Gudman. A new bookcase in the foyer was dedicated to the Friends.
- Last night the City Council voted to sell the West End Building. This loss of storage space will have an impact for the Library and the Booktique and the search begins for replacement storage.
- Circulation statistics are up again this month as the national trend shows that the interest in ebooks seems to have leveled off. However, some print material is no longer available in print form. This is especially true in periodicals and newspapers. Libraries will need to decide how to spend their budgets for print and nonprint materials. Zinio, the magazine downloadable database that the Library has subscribed to, has proven to be very popular.
- Network has a new Public Access Computer homepage that debuts in October. It is called Enterprise and looks more like a website found in the public sector such as Amazon.
- Folks from Elders in Action visited the Library today to inspect the premises. They then give feedback to the Library on how they can make the building more age friendly for senior citizens. Baars will share this information with the LAB and the Library's Marketing Committee.
- The Storytelling Festival will be held on October 25 through October 27. This is the third year in a row for the festival thanks to the Friends sponsorship.

- Baars attended the Library District Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, October 3. The District is financially strong. Since the passage of the District the funding for the Library has shifted from predominately City supported to now County District supported. This shift has been a benefit to the City's General Fund. The Library budget has not increased and is lower than it was in 2008 and earlier, with four fewer FTEs than ten years ago. This information is a wonderful example of how the Library has been fiscally responsible. Before the Library District was formed, the County was funding libraries with timber revenue. Slaven wanted to point out that the City is now giving the Library \$1.4 million less than it did in 2008 and that this is important to keep in mind as the City prepares its 2014-2015 budget.

6. Chair's Report

Rick Slaven gave the Chair's Report as follows:

- It is time to review the year end giving letter that the Board sends out annually. Slaven asked the Board for any input. Ross said the target date for sending the letter is the week before Thanksgiving.

7. Budget Overview

Bill Baars gave the Budget Overview report in his Director's Report.

8. LO Reads

Bill Baars gave the report on Lake Oswego Reads as follows:

- Plans are moving forward for LO Reads 2014 and also for the statewide program as well. The Friends have graciously agreed to buy 1,000 books to give away at the Kick Off in January.

9. New Business

- Councilor Lauren Hughes said she is delighted to be appointed as the LAB liaison. She loves the Library and also the Booktique. Hughes reports that it will not be an immediate vacate from the WEB, and that the City Manager has assured the Council that he can find storage for the Library elsewhere in that time.

10. Adjournment

The Library Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Ross
Recording Secretary