

Present: Sharon Callen, Terry Huber, Dick Raymond, Rick Slaven, David White

Staff Present: Bill Baars, Cyndie Glazer, Bev Ross

Excused: Fred Baldwin, David Short

Absent: Madeleine Hearn

Others: Councilor Jeff Gudman

The Library Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Library Director Bill Baars at 7:00 p.m. on October 10, 2012.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Rick Slaven made a motion, seconded by Teresa Huber, to appoint David White as Interim Chair for purposes of leading this meeting. The motion passed.

2. Introductions

None

3. Approval of Minutes – August 8, 2012

Rick Slaven made a motion, seconded by Sharon Callen, to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2012 meeting. The motion passed.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Director's Report

Library Director Bill Baars gave the Directors report as follows:

- The Library has received many inquiries for information about the Library Bond Measure. Baars will meet with a reporter from the Oregonian on Friday who is requesting information and Baars continues to speak to community groups such as neighborhood associations.
- The Second Annual Storytelling Festival will be held October 22 through 27 and energy is high as final preparations are made. One of the scheduled events features Lake Oswego Police Chief Don Johnson and former head of the FBI's Portland Bureau and Milwaukie Police Chief, Bob Jordan.
- Baars said the Storytelling Festival along with LO Reads and a planned Children's Literary Festival are examples of how the Library is the cultural center of the community and offers much more than books to read.
- In June, the City Council had asked the City Manager to diminish the Personnel Services budget by \$350,000. Manager Donaldson reported his budget savings to the Council at last night's meeting. He cut the budget by \$522,000 through vacant positions that will not be filled, health insurance savings and other ongoing and one-time savings including reducing services by 2 FTEs.

6. Chair's Report

None

7. LO Reads

Cyndie Glazer gave the report on LO Reads:

- The Lake Oswego Reads book for 2013 has been announced. *Running the Rift*, by Naomi Benaron, tells the story of Jean Patrick Nkuba, a gifted Rwandan boy, from the day he knows that running will be his life to the moment he must run to save his life, a ten-year span in which his country is undone by the Hutu-Tutsi tensions. The author is excited that her book has been selected and has agreed to come to Lake Oswego in February for the author talk event.
- The February event schedule is in the process of being planned with many interesting programs already secured. Glazer shared the tentative calendar of events. The official kickoff will be Monday, January 7, with complimentary books distributed thanks to the Friends of the Library. One of the title sponsors is Step It Up dance studio and they will host an event at their facility.
- Rick Slaven said that through their work with Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies, he and his wife know someone who lived in Rwanda at the time of the genocide. He suggested contacting her to see if she could participate in the program in some way.

8. New Business

- The Library has a ballot box for voters in the lobby and the last day to drop off ballots is Tuesday, November 6. As many last minute voters are expected that day, the Library will again offer a drive-by drop off ballot service in the front of the building. Glazer was asking for volunteers to work one hour shifts for that day.
- Baars said while the circulation numbers are down slightly at Lake Oswego they are up County wide. He said there are several complicated reasons for this. For example Lake Oswego has more downloadable books and online databases that offer downloads that are not counted in the statistics, Lake Oswego has realized a materials budget cut, the new computer system can no longer offer holds shuffling, with the dedicated funding from the Library District other libraries in the system can now purchase more of the high demand materials themselves rather than relying so heavily on Lake Oswego. Baars said he is always happy to explain these complicated factors as citizens have questions.
- White asked Gudman if he had anything to report. Gudman hoped the Library Bond Measure passes but if it does not he would encourage his colleagues to have a new library on the ballot again in May to be built with Redevelopment Funds in the same downtown area.

9. Adjournment

The Library Advisory Board meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Ross
Recording Secretary