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Library Board Meeting

June 9, 2010

The Lawton Public Library Board met at 4:00 p.m. at the Lawton Public Library. Notice of the meeting and agenda were posted in accordance with Oklahoma Law.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jim Burpo, Lynn McIntosh, Pamela Scoggins
Bonnell-Mihalish, Carol Sinnreich, Sally Cote

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patty Neuwirth, Friends; Marge Williams,
SWOGS; David Snider, Library Director;
Sharon Thompson, Recording Secretary

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

CALL TO ORDER:

Jim called the meeting to order and asked for approval or corrections to the minutes. Minutes were approved as printed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Sharon said that we received an e-mail of confirmation from the City Clerk's office for updating Pamela's address as requested.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Spectrum Scholarship - David announced that staff member, Dory Thomas has received a scholarship from the Spectrum Scholarship Program. The scholarship is for \$5,000 and OU will match the scholarship. It is for students pursuing graduate degrees in library and information studies.

Budget - On May 18, Assistant City Manager, Bryan Long, presented a brief summary for all of his departments budgets highlighting areas of increases or changes. The only thing he emphasized in the library budget was the \$40,050 for the integrated library system. The only question asked by one of the councilman was about the usage of our meeting rooms. On May 25 the Public Hearing was held and no one asked any questions about the budget. On June 8 the budget passed 6-2.

Automation - The Integrated library system is in this years budget so David met with the staff automation committee to share ideas and give input for a new system. David said that when they first started looking at Open Source services they thought there was only one vendor that would allow us to keep the server in house. But, after talking

with a local individual who writes Open Source software, he feels that vendors will allow on-site servers. David also said that a road trip is being planned to see how well these Integrated library systems work. One trip will be to Norman at the National Severe Storm Center and another trip will be to Mineral Wells, TX and Decatur, TX. David said that no public libraries in Oklahoma have Open Source.

State Aid - David just received the claim form for the rest of the State Aid money. The library will be receiving \$6,436, and we will have 1 year to spend it. David said that this money will not affect the State Aid funds next year. After we receive the check, an agenda item will have to be approved by Council for the \$6,436.

Current Events –

Broken Window: Last Saturday a young man broke one of the front windows. The police came and talked to the young man and wrote a report about the incident. The young man cut his hand and one of our library workers gave him some bandages. Library staff thought that he and his girlfriend may have been fighting with each other. The glass for the window has been ordered and will be installed soon. In the meantime, plywood has been placed over the broken window.

Fire Alarms: David was called around Midnight on Tuesday because the janitors had called the Fire Department. A smoke alarm and the fire alarms were going off and could not be re-set. We have not had a contract with a security company for a while since Network Alarm is no longer in business. Sooner Security Service was called and they are working up an estimate for monthly/yearly service. David had to stay in the building the rest of the early morning because the building had to be on watch as per the Fire Department.

Statistics – David handed Board members the monthly statistics for May. He noted that the Children's program statistics have not been updated this month, but he will have the figures next month.

It was mentioned that the Golden Girls & Guys program is dropping in attendance and the Internet Usage is down.

Pamela requested that she would like to have a patron count. David said that he will work on obtaining her request.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Friends of the Library: Patty reported that the Friends made around \$18,377 from the Book Sale. The next meeting for the Friends is July 19.

Patty handed out the Companion Reader & schedule for Chautauqua. She reminded the Board members that the kick off is Monday, June 21 at 6:00 pm in the new City Hall atrium. Board members said they have not received an invitation in the mail yet. David said that Dory's department sent the invitations out in May.

SWOGS: At this month's SWOGS General meeting they will have a special speaker. Marge thanked David for attending the SWOGS Board meeting and speaking on the Library's Technology.

Other announcements: David mentioned to Pamela that he wants a picture of a patron using the Motorized Chair that she donated to the Library. He will call the Lawton Constitution to have them take a picture as soon as possible.

Pamela said to Lynn that our condolences go out to him for the loss of his son.

Meeting Adjourned.