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Library Board Meeting

November 10, 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, Carol Sinnreich, Sally Cote,
Pamela Scoggins Bonnell-Mihalis, Lynn
McIntosh

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patty Neuwirth, Friends of the Library;
David Snider, Library Director; Sharon
Thompson, Recording Secretary

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marge Williams, SWOGS

CALL TO ORDER:

Jim called the meeting to order and asked for approval or corrections to the October 13, 2010 minutes. Minutes were approved as printed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Computers from Great Plains Technology Center - David reported that the staff from Great Plains Technology Center will be on site next week to run the cables and start setting up the computers. After they are installed Jim will need to configure them with our security, timers, and filters for the units in the lab and the Children's area. He will also need to set up any database units with the proper links. Jim & Paul will need to work on the Genealogy units.

New Employee - Part time employee, Roberta Parham, retired last Saturday from working at the Branch Library. She had worked at the library over 10 years. She had previously retired from the school system after working there 30 years. Dory and David interviewed five applicants last Thursday & Friday for the part time clerical position. They selected Valerie Leanne Emerson who had worked at Stillwell Public Library 6 ½ years. She also has a Level 3 library certification from Oklahoma Department of Libraries. We are hoping she can start work on Monday, November 15 or 22, since the city wants employees to start work on Mondays. It takes 72 hours to get notification after a drug test is taken.

Integrated Library System - After searching for more libraries to visit, David and Jim have found several other libraries that are running a system called Koha. Several of those Libraries are Plano Independent School District just northeast of the Metroplex, Big Country Public Library System around Abilene & Derby Public Library in Derby, KS.

Other libraries that have Evergreen system are all part of the North Texas Regional Library System as follows: Alvaredo, TX; Aubrey, TX; Decatur, TX; Krum, TX; and Mineral Wells, TX. We still need to know if these libraries have their own I.T. Department. David said they will try to visit some of these libraries early next year.

Statistics – David handed out the monthly statistics for October. He noted that there were no statistics for the Teen Book Club or Film night.

Current Events - At the Let's Talk About It program at the Worley Center they had 45 in attendance. The next book discussion on 11/ 16 is *America's Longest War*.

- Golden Girls & Guys 7th Anniversary program will be Nov. 18 with Les Gilliam.

- Grants Workshop on 11/16 will be from 9-4 p.m.

- Soulful Stories is scheduled for February 10, 2011. Wallace Moore will be portraying a young soldier who had connections with Henry Flipper. There will be two presentations at Cameron and a dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Worley Center and Wallace Moore at 7 p.m.

- Internet classes may continue on a regular basis. We had 5 classes in October for the public.

- Lawton Area Reading Council (LARC) donates \$300 every year to the Children's Department. Some of the area schools attended a story time performance by Jim Maroon with 929 in attendance and a total of 6 performances.

- Scrabble Tournament will start back again on Saturday's, January 8-Feb. 12.

Stimulus Package - A while back, Oklahoma Department of Libraries received a stimulus package and they will fund us for lap top computers for video conferences. David, Jim, and Bryan Long will be attending a meeting on December 9 & 10 to learn the procedure for this package. Bill Gates is funding the hotel reservations for this conference.

Jim Burpo said to announce to the media when all our computers arrive for the public.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

SWOGS: No report

Friends of the Library: Patty reported that the Chautauqua program is still being organized for next year.

Patty told the Board that the Friends would like to buy new blinds for the Board room and David's office if funds are available. She will be asking vendors to provide the Friends with bids and to call Sharon to schedule a time for measuring the windows. The vendors will provide separate bids for the Board room and David's office.

Sally reported that they have sorted 423 boxes of books for the book sale.

Unfinished Business: Chevron Contract - David has no updates from Chevron as to the enclosure of the Server Room that was suggested by Chevron a month ago. Hopefully he will have more information at the next Board meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.