

The Multnomah County Library Board met on Tuesday, January 11, 2005, at Central Library in the U.S. Bank Meeting Room. Chair Dean Gisvold called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m.

Board members present were: Charlotte Beeman, Robert Brading, Gwen Farnham Hyland, Stephen Feltz, Molly Gloss, Marneet Lewis, Alice Meyer, Donna Oden-Orr and Diane Xiong. Board members Joe Arellano, Mark Garber, Martha Gies, Rick Gustafson, Jon Kruse and Diane McKeel were excused.

Staff members present were: Cindy Gibbon, Connie Christopher, Ellen Fader, Mike Harrington, Penny Hummel, Rita Jimenez, June Mikkelsen, Lance Murty, Sharon Bart, Brenda Clark, David Miles, Victoria Oglesbee, Linda Patterson, Nicole Newsom and Monique Coleman. Also in attendance were: Tami Parr – Friends of the Library and Jenna McDormand – The Library Foundation.

Dean asked Diane Xiong to tell the members and observers about herself. Diane said she's an outgoing 16 year-old junior at Centennial High School who loves to read and she is very happy to have been appointed to the Library Advisory Board.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2004

Alice Meyer noted the sentence "Dean Gisvold motioned..." should be amended to read "Dean Gisvold moved..." regarding Action Item No. 4: REVIEW AND APPROVE DRAFT MEMO TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RE; THE USA PATRIOT ACT. Board members agreed this amendment should be made. With amendment, the minutes of the December 7, 2004 meeting were approved.

LIBRARY CHAIR'S REPORT

Dean reported that he will call a meeting of the nominating committee members in the next 30 days to discuss the renewal of terms for Alice Meyer and Rick Gustafson and a replacement for the now vacant position formerly held by Jeff Tashman. He also stated he hoped to get back on track with the July to June terms for members which coincide with the County's fiscal year.

Dean also talked about his recent visit to the Seattle Public Library (SPL). He said SPL is unlike any other library he has visited and encouraged those who haven't yet had the opportunity to see it to do so. Particular characteristics he noted were the use of stacks and books and the modern, stark architectural style. He added that visitors can elect to take either or both of two visitor tours available: either architectural or public.

TRAINING SESSION FOR LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS

The second training session for library board members, including the youth representatives, will follow the February meeting. Alice asked board members to

schedule enough time to meet until 10 a.m. The session may end earlier depending on the start time.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's Report was discussed. Specific items discussed were:

- 1) Everybody Reads 2005: Penny reminded everyone about upcoming programming related to the Everybody Reads 2005 event. She acknowledged the generous support of all of the sponsors. Copies of Sandra Cisneros' book *The House on Mango Street* as well as programming and discussion guides in Spanish and English were distributed to all library board members. Penny noted programming for this project is closely linked to the LIBROS initiative. She encouraged board members to attend a book discussion or one of the many other interesting ER 2005 programs.
- 2) Hillsdale Library's LEED (Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design) Award: June and Mike talked briefly about Hillsdale Library's LEED gold award.
- 3) Popular author and illustrator Rosemary Wells will speak to parents, educators, and early childhood advocates at events. Ms. Wells is well known for her passionate advocacy of early literacy and her friendly, loveable characters. A book sale and signing will follow each talk. The two events will be held on: Tuesday, January 18 at the Gresham Library at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, January 19 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church (1624 NE Hancock) at 7 p.m.
- 4) Three Friends of the Library grants to the library totaling: \$35,327 to support or 30 additional "Buckets of Books," tubs containing up to thirty books on a specific curriculum topic that can be reserved by teachers to enhance their work in the classroom. \$22,000 will support Pageturners, supplying the library's 21 monthly book discussion groups with books and funding a series of appearances by an Oregon author next fall. The third grant, for \$3,327, supports the development of Teen Lounges at several library locations. .

2005-2006 BUDGET PROCESS REPORT

June reported that staffmembers are now in the process of putting together the budget for Fiscal Year 2006 that begins July 1, 2005. Under this new budget process, departments are putting together Program Offers, which in the past were our unit/section/division budgets. These Program Offers are due to the Budget Office on February 1, 2005.

The Budget Office will then compile all of the Program Offers submitted by each department into one of the six priority areas that the Board of County Commissioners established. Outcome Teams have been established to review all of the Program Offers. In addition, these teams will meet with department directors and other stakeholders before making recommendations to the Board on how each program contributes to helping the county achieve the results expected. The Board will go through a process to determine how they believe each Program Offer contributes to the desired outcomes in each priority area

June asked Vailey to discuss her role and work as a member of the Education Outcome Team. Vailey reviewed the strategies and recommendations her team will use as they consider budget program offers submitted by each department.

The BCC will receive input from citizens, departments and stakeholders before they prioritize the Program Offers. When they finish prioritizing the Program Offers, Chair Linn will meet in mid-March with all department directors and other county elected officials to discuss each of the Program Offers and its respective contributions to the outcomes desired.

Following these discussions, Chair Linn will develop her Executive Budget, which is scheduled for presentation to the Board and public on May 5, 2005. As in previous years, during the month of May, the Board will hold public hearings and continue with budget deliberations. The budget is expected to be adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on June 9, 2005.

Dean requested the library board members receive a summary of program offers submitted by the Library prior to the next meeting for their review. Rob stated this was a great opportunity for the Library to demonstrate its ability to deliver results as promised. He also said Peter Hutchison, co-author of the book *The Price of Government* and the theory of Priority Based Budgeting would speak at the City Club this Friday (January 14).

LIBRARY PLANNING PROCESS UPDATE

June reported that we are in the process of convening a citizen committee with a targeted membership of 15. Letters of invitation were sent last week. June will make follow up calls. The first meeting is scheduled at 10am on Friday, January 28 at the Hollywood Library. June said committee members will be asked to identify the community's vision and needs and recommend roles that the library should take to address those needs. She said the board will hear more at its next meeting as it will follow the committee's first meeting.

Gwen gave a brief report regarding the library Gala scheduled for Saturday, April 2. She said the Committee has secured two new bands with different genres of music. She encouraged everyone to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 a.m. These minutes are subject to approval at the next scheduled board meeting.