

The Multnomah County Library Board met on Tuesday, February 8, 2005, at Central Library in the U.S. Bank Meeting Room. Chair Dean Gisvold called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

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

Staff members present were: Sharon Bart, Becky Cobb, Connie Christopher, Ellen Fader, Cindy Gibbon, Mike Harrington, Penny Hummel, June Mikkelsen, Lance Murty, Carolyn Myers, Steve Armitage, Nancy Arveson, Candy Bertelsen, Brenda Clark, Susan Egan, Fun Martin, Katie O'Dell, Carol Rogers, Sara Ryan and Monique Coleman. Also in attendance were: Kristen Constan – The Library Foundation, Commissioner Serena Cruz and Josh Todd and Emily Ryan, facilitators for the team-building meeting following the regular board meeting.

The minutes of the January 11, 2005 meeting were approved.

LIBRARY CHAIR'S REPORT

Dean talked about his recent visit to the St. Petersburg Library in Russia. The library, built in the 1820's under the supervision of Catherine the Great, began with a collection of 7,000 volumes purchased from Voltaire. It is now the 5th largest library in the world. Dean took great photos which he offered to share.

CBAC REPORT

Serving as the Library's representative to the Citizen Budget Advisory Committee, Alice Meyer has attended several meetings regarding this year's budgeting process. As a member of the Vibrant Communities' Committee team, she will help to review the program offers and provide feedback to the Board of County Commissioners.

SUMMER READING 2005 GALA

Katie O'Dell reported on the outreach efforts and other activities of the Summer Reading Committee. Kristen Constan, co-chair of the Foundation Gala Committee, said one of the Committee's goals this year is to raise even more money than any of the previous Galas. The theme for this year's Gala is "Dancing in the Stacks."

2005-2006 BUDGET PROCESS REPORT

Molly gave a brief introduction. She thanked Becky Cobb, Fun Martin and the rest of the fiscal services team for tackling this year's different budget process with skill and grace. Staff reported that they felt more engaged in the budgeting process than in previous years due to the collaboration between budget coordinators and staff.

Becky reported program offers were submitted to the Budget Office on February 1, 2005. She explained the 3 core operating programs with administration and support programs spread amongst them. Board members received a copy of the Library's program offers. Becky reviewed the information provided in the documents, outlining the breakdown of the Central Library, branches and other programming. A discussion ensued about the budget and the budgeting process. The Board will receive updated information at the next meeting.

LIBRARY PLANNING PROCESS UPDATE

June reported that we are well on the way of finalizing committee membership. The Library has hired a facilitator skilled in the planning process to work with the Committee and library management during this process. June said the next steps are to finalize a community analysis which will provide information about county demographics and other trends. Molly added that Commissioner Cruz and Library Advisory Board Member Jon Kruse are confirmed members of the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 a.m. These minutes are subject to approval at the next scheduled board meeting.