

## **Board Minutes November 14, 2006**

The Multnomah County Library Board met on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, at Central Library in the U.S. Bank Meeting Room. Chair Alice Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Board members present were: Marian Creamer, Gwen Farnham Hyland, Stephen Feltz, Mark Garber, Martha Gies, Dean Gisvold, Molly Gloss, Virginia Koontz, Jon Kruse, Diane McKeel and Donna Oden-Orr. Board members Joe Arellano and Rob Brading and Rick Gustafson were excused.

Staff members present were: Molly Raphael, June Mikkelsen, Becky Cobb, Ellen Fader, Cindy Gibbon, Penny Hummel, Rita Jimenez, Pat French, Vailey Oehlke, Leila Wrathall, Yvonne Chambers, Jeanne Robbana, Virginia Tribe, Javier Gutierrez, Bridget Cain-Bushman, Dave Ratliff, Haley Isleib, Andrea Milano, Suzie Woodward, Patricia Welch, Susan Corrigan, Steve Armitage, Patti Vincent. Also in attendance were: Beckie Lee, Libraries Yes!; Karie Trumbo, The Library Foundation; Mei-Ling Shiroishi, Friends of the Library; Mary Carroll, Commissioner Cruz-Walsh's office; Maruta Skujina, Innovative Interfaces; Brenda Clark, community member.

The minutes of the October 10, 2006 meeting were approved as written with the following correction: The **Fall Book Sale** raised over \$86,000 this year.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

In view of the success of the Libraries Yes! Campaign, Chair Alice Meyer opened the meeting by congratulating Levy Committee Chair Jon Kruse, and his extensive committee, on their successful advocacy for a strong and visible library system. Alice noted that the levy campaign's success, in approving a North Portland branch, also makes it imperative to find a LAB volunteer liaison for the North Portland Branch. She also congratulated Diane McKeel on being reappointed to a second LAB term.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Library Levy Committee:** Jon Kruse thanked everyone who worked on the levy campaign and reported on campaign highlights. The campaign was a 15 month process with emphasis on having all of the stakeholders involved. There were 500 volunteers and over 900 contributors, which exceeded the campaign's fundraising goals. The levy passed with 61.7%. A collective thank you was extended to all parties involved.

**Nominating Committee:** Mark Garber, committee chair, reported that Garrett Shephard, a junior at Lincoln High School, had been interviewed to fill a two-year term as youth representative. Mark presented his name in nomination for that position to the Library Advisory Board and the motion passed unanimously. Molly Raphael will forward Garrett's name, on behalf of the LAB, to the Chair's office and the Board of County Commissioners. At the same time Ellen Wallin's name, previously approved by the LAB, will be recommended to the Chair's office to fill the second vacant youth position. LAB orientation will take place shortly.

**Permanent and Stable Funding Committee:** Dean Gisvold, co-chair of the committee, reported that its stakeholder members will be brought together, after the first of the year, to strategize on a plan of action for Permanent and Stable Funding.

**Finance Committee:** Stephen Feltz, chair, reported that Becky Cobb would give the committee its first briefing on November 17; that meetings will take place at 7:30 am on selected Fridays; and that fellow Board members are welcome to attend.

There were no other committee reports.

### **PRESENTATION: ANDREA MILANO, TAPESTRY OF TALES**

Andrea Milano, Hollywood Youth Librarian and **Tapestry of Tales Family Storytelling Festival** Co-Chair, acknowledged The Library Foundation and Trust Management LLC for making this year's storytelling event possible. Andrea presented a story, which was a fine example of storytelling, and invited the audience to attend any scheduled program during this year's festival.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Molly Raphael noted that action will take place to begin to move forward in citing the two new branches within their designated communities.

The Strategic Plan is in completed draft form and steps will be taken by the Strategic Plan Committee to begin finalizing the goals of the plan with the idea that goals may change and need to be reevaluated each year.

Multnomah County Library is number one in circulation again this year and is ranked number 2 over all in Hennen's American Public Library Ratings 2006.

### **FRIENDS AND FOUNDATION UPDATE**

Mei-Ling Shiroishi reported on behalf of the **Friends of the Library**. The **Fall Book Sale** raised over \$86,000 this year. Alice called attention to item 10 in the Director's Report, noting that generous support from the FOL has made special programming possible at Donald Long Detention Center.

Karie Trumbo reported on behalf of **The Library Foundation**. Karie noted the continued success and popularity of "Behind the Scenes at Central Library". The tours, which highlight the inner workings of Central, are by invitation and are scheduled through November.

### **GOOD & WELFARE**

General comments were made about the recent election results and appreciation was extended to everyone who worked toward achieving a successful outcome. Staffers Penny Hummel and Cindy Gibbon led an energetic rendition of *For He's a Jolly Good Fellow*, in honor of Jon Kruse.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 am.