

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, August 18, 2014, 6:30pm Estes Valley Library / Wasson Room

President Plaut called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, August 18, 2014 in the Wasson Room at the Estes Valley Library. The following were present:

TRUSTEES: Peter Plaut, President; Sharon Poggenpohl, Vice-president; Kaye Orten, Secretary; Don Bryson, Treasurer; Marjorie Hancock, Kirsten Hardin.

SUPPORT GROUP LIAISONS: Ray Nieder, Friends of the Library; John Krueger, Library Foundation

STAFF: Claudine Perrault, Kieran Rowser, Kathleen Kase

CITIZENS: Keith Berndtson.

Public Comments: None

Consent Agenda

- Board meeting Minutes: June 16, 2014
- District Income & Expense report: July 31, 2014 year-to-date
- Trustee Study Session: August 7, 2014
 - o Annual Board self-assessment

Bryson moved, and Orten seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ayes all. **(14-22)**

Action Items

Gov't Affairs Committee – Plaut

Board committee assignments: Bryson: Treasurer; Orten: Finance committee; Hancock: Secretary; Dullaghan, Hardin: Policy committee

Plaut moved, and Hancock seconded a motion to re-nominate Bryson for an additional term (January 2015 – December 2018). Ayes all. **(14-23)**

Hancock moved, Orten seconded to approve a special permit to serve alcohol at One Book/One Valley Reception on October 10, 2014. Ayes all. **(14-24)**

Strategic Discussion & Reports

President's Report: Plaut:

On behalf of the Board, Plaut thanked the Friends and volunteers for another successful book sale. His appreciative letter to the editor "Book Sale Success: all about the people" was included in the board packet.

Support Group Report:

Friends: Nieder

Nieder reported that the 2014 summer book sale income was \$31,029.55 as compared to \$31,901.29 at the 2013 book sale. An estimated 45,000 items were for sale, with 160 volunteers (78 cashiers, 52 setup and 26 takedown) working in support of the sale. 89 new memberships were sold on Friday, August 8, bringing in \$1,090. There were at least 12 book dealers at the sale from as far away as Nashville. In 2013 dealers accounted for 24.5% of sales; a very important part of the sale. The Friends are now preparing for the holiday sale. Nieder added that there is consideration of changing the venue of the summer sale in the future, although the 2015 venue will be the same as the current one.

Foundation: Krueger

Krueger reported that the Foundation Dinner scheduled for August 24 is sold out. This is the first dinner to be sold out since C. J. Box was the guest speaker. There

are 41 new donors. Many of the staff gave up their seats to accommodate the additional donors. Since a total of 225 guests stretch the limits of the current venue, the Foundation is looking into other options. Concerning the upcoming proposed merger of the Friends and Foundation Boards, Nieder stated that, of the Friends Board members, 7 voted yes on the merger, and one abstained. Krueger continued that he's received one application for the Foundation Board, and is seeking more applications.

Liaison Activities Report: Hancock

Hancock reported a number of items of interest to the library and the Estes Valley:

- Assisted by the Estes Park Nonprofit Resource Center (EPNRC) Mountain Strong for Nonprofits will be hosting a Mountain Rivers Jubilee Friday, September 12 from 5 – 10pm at the Events Center. Donations will be sought for further relief of Glen Haven.
- Thursday, August 28, Estes Park United, the local chapter of Larimer County United Way, is doing a fundraiser to benefit children and teens. Raising \$20,000 is the goal of this campaign. Funds will go to Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success (EVICS), Kid's café, The Learning Place and Partners Mentoring Youth. The Estes Park Dairy Queen will be donating 100% of their profits to these organizations that day.
- Director Claudine Perrault will be presenting to the Woman's Club Wednesday, November 12 at the Twin Owls restaurant.
- National Philanthropy Day will be Thursday, November 13. The EPNRC will host an event at the YMCA of the Rockies from 4 – 6pm.

Community Center Report: Poggenpohl

Poggenpohl reported that Community Center is seeking a \$17 million grant from HUD disaster funding. By August 28, the Community Center wants 3000 signatures on its letter of support to Governor Hickenlooper, Senator Lundberg and Representative Buck. A link to the Website where signatures could be made was shared with the Board, with encouragement to ask friends and neighbors to support this project. A Town Hall meeting drew approximately 70 citizens, with a significant number speaking in support of many needs of the Estes Valley, including support of the Community Center as a disaster center. Poggenpohl was impressed with the democratic process at this meeting.

Policy Committee report: Orten

Bryson presented a draft of the Finance Policy to the Board to review this substantial policy, with a vote scheduled for the regular October Board meeting. Bryson stated that the presentation on the policy is being held in October to allow the vote on the Friends & Foundation merger at the Friends annual meeting and potluck September 30. Poggenpohl suggested showing the draft policy to the Marsha Yelick. Plaut suggested showing the policy to Foundation Board Treasurer. Perrault offered to have members of the Front Range Library Finance Officers provide input.

Director's Report: Perrault

Discussion: Rowser gave a brief report on the recently concluded Wellness Program sponsored by Pinnacol Assurance. Rowser expressed the program to be effective in raising health awareness among library staff participants, and looks forward to the next phase of Pinnacol's campaign to further raise health and safety awareness. A discussion of the rising cost of health insurance ensued with Perrault offering to contact the Front Range Finance Officers concerning their respective library's health insurance programs. In response to a question by Plaut on the

progress of the library's Teen program, Perrault offered to have Teen Librarian Katherine Dumont report to the Board in their next meeting.

In closing the Board decided to forego the September study session.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, September 15: Regular board of trustees meeting

Other Events

- Sunday, August 24: Library Foundation benefit dinner, Estes Park Resort
- Monday, September 1: LIBRARY CLOSED – Labor Day
- Tuesday, September 30: Friends potluck & annual meeting – YMCA

Adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaye Orten, Board Secretary
Minutes prepared by Kieran Rowser

[Attachments]

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Resolutions from August 18, 2014

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