

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 6:30pm Estes Valley Library / Wasson Room

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

**TRUSTEES:** Peter Plaut, President; Kaye Orten, Secretary; Don Bryson, Treasurer; Marjorie Hancock, Debra Dullaghan.

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

**STAFF:** Claudine Perrault, Kieran Rowser, Kurtis Kelly

**Citizens:** John Meissner, Keith Berndtson.

**Public Comments:** Meissner: Referring to Lady Dunraven's visit to the Estes Park area in the fall of 2013, Meissner announced that the Earl of Meath, a direct descendant of the historic Lord Dunraven, will be visiting the area in the fall of this year. The library Board is invited to send a letter of invitation to the Earl of Meath to visit Estes Park.

### **Consent Agenda**

1. Board Minutes: January 20, 2014
  2. Income & Expense Report: January 31, 2014
  3. Study session: Trustee roles supporting annual work plan - February 6, 2014
- Orten moved and Bryson seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda, with amended Minutes. Ayes all. **(14-6)**

### **Strategic Discussion & Reports**

#### Director's Report: Perrault

Orten inquired as to the status of the eRate grant. Perrault responded that May would be the earliest the library would learn if the grant would be awarded.

The Anschutz report was discussed. Plaut commented that the library has received concerns from patrons about the library's involvement with the Anschutz Wellness Center. These comments included: tax dollars should not be used to promote or support the Anschutz Center. Perrault characterized the tenor of the comments as "angry." The main point is, the library is not associated with the Anschutz Center. Responding to a suggestion by Bryson that the library should write something about the library's position concerning Anschutz, Plaut suggested a "stay quiet" position, for fear of further misinterpretation. Perrault commented that the library will be providing display tables for upcoming election issues, pro and con. Perrault then inquired of the Board if they would be taking a position on the Anschutz Center. The Board responded that it would not. On a related subject, Perrault stated that the Parks and Recreation District was taking the word "wellness" out of the name of their proposed community center. Perrault clarified that the library had paid to be part of the Rec District's feasibility study so that the library could determine its role in the proposed community center.

#### Friends Report: Nieder:

The February Friends Board meeting was canceled due to the weather. Representatives from the Friends and Foundation had another meeting to discuss the two Boards' merger. Research was done on the legal aspects of the

merger, and it appears there are no legal barriers to a merger. One or the other of the Boards would be dissolve to bring about a merger. Nieder invited the library Board to take a tour of the Friends room in order to see a demonstration of the process of receiving donated books.

Foundation Report: Krueger:

Former Foundation Board member David Hemphill has been hired to act as the Foundation's accountant. Mike Willborn has submitted his resignation as Treasurer and Board member. Foundation finances are in order. The Foundation had \$263,000 (unaudited) at the end of 2013. \$110,000 is designated for the library. Endowment funds exceed the corpus by \$40,000 to \$50,000. Bill Gerritz has been welcomed to the Foundation Board. Pam Seaver has expressed interest in becoming a Board member. Kudos to Ray Nieder for doing most of the clerical work for the proposed merger.

Finance report: Bryson

a. 2014 Contracts

b. Presentation: EVPLD Finance Overview

Bryson gave a PowerPoint presentation of the library finance overview.

Orten, referring to the recently received grant to create a computer classroom, inquired if the second floor charrette is still going to happen. Perrault responded that the charrette is going ahead. The grant is for a computer classroom, but does not concern the rest of the second floor. Orten, referring to planned additions to library staff, inquired if payroll positions are budgeted for the whole year. Perrault responded in the affirmative. Bryson added that he had discussed staff additions with Perrault. Bryson clarified that the Board approves the annual budget in toto, so the Board does not have to approve any staff changes as long as they stay within the budget.

Concerning the upcoming Board study session March 8, Derek Fortini, Director and Curator of Exhibits, will be invited to the March 6 study session.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- Board Study Session: Thursday, March 6, 2014
- Board Regular Meeting: Monday, March 17, 2014

**Other Events**

- Public Library Association Bi-annual Conference: March 11-15, 2014

Adjourned at 8:20

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

**[Attachments]**

**ESTES VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Resolutions from February 18, 2014

**(14-6)** Orten moved and Bryson seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda, with amended Minutes. Ayes all.

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**Peter Plaut, President**  
Estes Valley Public Library District  
Board of Trustees

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**Kaye Orten, Secretary**  
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