

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, September 15, 2014, 6:30pm Estes Valley Library / Wasson Room

President Plaut called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, September 15, 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, Debra Dullaghan, Kirsten Hardin.

SUPPORT GROUP LIAISONS: John Krueger, Library Foundation

STAFF: Claudine Perrault, Kieran Rowser, Katherine Dumont

CITIZENS: Keith Berndtson

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: Poggenpohl stated that she's reading "The Big Burn," the library's 2014 One Book One Valley selection, and finds it quite fascinating. Poggenpohl thanks the community for choosing this book. In relation to this, Plaut requested that more eBooks of this title be ordered.

Staff Presentation:

Teen Services at the Estes Valley Library: Katherine Dumont, Teen Guide

Discussion: Plaut inquired as to what type of book format, specifically print or eBooks, are teens reading. Dumont responded that they're reading both. Perrault pointed out that school district has added the library's 3M eBooks app to the students' iPads. Dullaghan asked what percentage of teen program participants are juniors and seniors. Dumont stated that there aren't very many, but is working to boost interest in this age group. Hancock inquired as to the use of graphic novels in the teen program. Dumont responded that, other than some offerings on the teen shelves, she does not. Bryson asked if kids view Dumont and her program as an extension of school. Dumont answered that they do, to an extent, but most kids know Dumont by her acting programs (initiated before she worked for the library). Bryson then asked if there has been much response from Eagle Rock. Dumont answered not yet.

Consent Agenda

- Board of Trustees meeting Minutes: August 18, 2014
- District Income & Expense report: August 31, 2014 year-to-date

Bryson moved, and Dullaghan seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda, with corrections to the minutes. Ayes all. **(14-25)**

Strategic Discussion & Reports

President's Report: Plaut:

Announced that Perrault received the Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL) Librarian of the Year award, and thanked the Board members who wrote letters of nomination. Plaut added that the nomination idea was Poggenpohl's.

Support Group Report: Foundation: Krueger

Krueger reported that the Foundation Dinner was a great success largely because of the guest speaker author Craig Johnson. This was the most financially successful Foundation Dinner in that the event netted \$14,000 income. The proposed merger of the Friends of the Library and the Foundation is progressing. In its recent meeting the Foundation Board approved the merger. The nominating

committee has finalized a slate of merged Board members, and a public Q & A session on the merger is scheduled for 1:30pm – 3:30pm on Tuesday, September 23 in the Hondius room. Krueger concluded by stating he's confident the merged Board will be an excellent one.

Library Liaison Activities Report: Hancock:

Hancock reported that \$50,000 was raised for Glen Haven flood relief at the September 12 Mountain Rivers Jubilee. Hancock also reported that, on the evening of September 17 several local restaurants will donate a portion their profits to Estes Park United's campaign to raise \$20,000 to support local youth programs. Hancock added that the Estes Park Dairy Queen donated \$1000 of profits on August 28 in support of this cause.

Comprehensive Plan Report: Hancock:

Hancock stated that staff members had requested more specifics on project timelines. Board members requested clarification on specific items. Perrault will make corrections on the wording of Goals 11 & 12 among others for the November meeting. Perrault will also provide a "snapshot" spreadsheet of the Plan for quarterly distribution. Perrault stated that she would like to see the Strategic Plan's success being measured by the achievements of the community. This requires a review of the Plan's language before approval in December.

Community Center Report: Poggenpohl:

Poggenpohl reported that the letter in support of the grant for the Community Center has been sent to Governor Hickenlooper, and congressional and Senate representatives.

Finance Committee – Bryson:

Planning for the 2015 budget has begun. The August estimate of property valuation is down, reflecting an approximate \$50,000 reduction in revenue. There is still a positive cash flow, but at this point, the District won't be accumulating as much in surplus revenue to be set aside for future years.

Director's Report: Perrault

There were no questions on the written report.

Action Items

Wake for Katie Speer:

Perrault: In honor of Katie Speer, a long-time library supporter and grant writer, who passed away this morning, she will be making two requests for board action and approval:

- 1) Close the library on Sunday, October 5 for a party in honor of Library Champion Katie Speer
- 2) Serve alcohol for this event to invited attendees

Discussion: Plaut stated that he is uncomfortable with a private memorial; the library is a public place, and this memorial should be for the public. Perrault agreed that the library should stay open, with paid staff on hand to serve patrons. The library will be open to the public and all who enter may participate in the memorial. Hancock moved and Poggenpohl seconded a motion to have a wake in honor of Katie Speer on Sunday, October 5, 2014 from 2:00pm – 6:00pm in the library with alcohol being served. Ayes all. **(14-26)**

Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, October 2: Trustee study session – 2015 budget direction
- Monday, October 20: Regular board of trustees meeting

Other Events

- September 26, 2014 – October 4, 2015: Estes Park mountaineering oral history exhibit – Estes Park Museum
- September 30: Friends potluck & annual meeting – YMCA
- October 10: One Book One Valley opening reception
- October 13: Library CLOSED – Staff development day and volunteer appreciation lunch
- October 16 – 18: Colorado Association of Libraries annual conference – Loveland Embassy hotel and conference center

For the Good of the Order

- Krueger: The One Book One Valley committee is offering a special “Meet the Author” event prior to the public presentation. There is a \$35 cost for the special event.
- Bryson requests that the Technical Services staff make a presentation to the Board on the new events calendar set to go online in November. Bryson also suggested the library look into getting a defibrillator. Krueger suggested first talking to the local EMTs to determine: A) Does the library need a defibrillator? B) If so, what’s their recommendation for the purchase of one?

Adjourned at 8:32

Respectfully submitted,
Marjorie Hancock, Board Secretary
Minutes prepared by Kieran Rowser

[Attachments]

Resolutions from September 15, 2014

(14-25) Bryson moved, and Dullaghan seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda, with corrections to the minutes. Ayes all.

(14-26) Hancock moved and Poggenpohl seconded a motion to have an Irish wake in honor of Katie Speer on Sunday, October 5, 2014 from 2:00pm – 6:00pm in the library with alcohol being served. Ayes all.

Peter Plaut, President
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