

Springville Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
January 12, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Present: Karen Ellingson, Tammy Heaton, Pam Vaughn, Betsy Hopkins, Ann Kronmiller, Margy Layton, Roger Layton, Mark Packard, Jenette Swain, Garn Coombs

Excused: None

I. Approval of November minutes and January agenda

The board approved both the November minutes and the January agenda.

II. Library Foundation—Roger Layton

Ray Bartholomew is taking over as accountant, and is also serving as the treasurer. Jim Weber has retired from the foundation. The foundation board will arrange for a plaque, a thank you card, and gift. Roger Layton will serve as the new chair of the foundation. The foundation is considering an annual event with an illustrator or author, with potential for fundraising from book sales.

III. City Council Representative—Mark

The city will be receiving proposals for the old library building soon. One proposal is to convert the building into a "mending shed," where the city would help people to learn how to sew or fix things to enable more reuse and recycling in the community.

Tammy asked about a fund for finishing the top floor of the new library. No fund currently exists. Also the city does not set aside funds for maintenance of city buildings, including furnishings. The library wanted to raise enough money through the foundation to have an endowment fund, to cover some maintenance; the foundation has not raised enough funds to allow for an endowment. Mark will raise the maintenance concern with the city.

IV. Library art show—Margy

The city council will consider proposals for the old building on January 31. The earliest demolition would be in February. (But of course the library board hopes the city will wait until after our proposed art show!) Tammy suggested that artists sell inexpensive art during the show, with some percentage of the proceeds to go to the foundation. Pam suggested that we take donations of art from the community to sell, with all of the proceeds to go to the foundation (based on idea from Boise Art Museum). Perhaps the foundation could spearhead this donation aspect of the project.

V. Friends of the Library—Garn Coombs

Current balance in Friends account: \$15,726.63. In December \$397 was raised from in-library book sale. Recently the Friends donated \$1,900 towards the "painted mirror" screen in the children's area; this expense will show up on next month's statement.

The library regularly receives donated books from community members. There is no drop off location; donations are given directly to librarians. There was a large, recent donation of craft books and magazines. Garn suggested selling some at the Art City Days craft shows. The board made suggestions for publicizing the collection for sale, including craft stores, craigslist, ksl.com, and a poster by the book sale area.

VI. Update on donor plaques from old library

Karen recommended that we donate the plaque to the Springville Historical Society, and the board liked this idea. Tammy will ensure that plaque is removed and delivered.

VII. Discussion of Unattended Children Policy

Pam proposed lowering the age of unattended children from 9 to 8 years of age. Library staff felt that the behavior divide between 8 and 9 is significant, and 9 year olds are responsible enough to be in the library by themselves. The library has had experiences with 5 and 6 year olds being left unattended. The library doesn't want to be known as a place where unattended children congregate—for the safety of the child. After some discussion of the age limit and the policy, the board approved the proposed change. The unattended child policy now states that children 8 years and younger must not be left unattended in the library.

VIII. Director's report—Pam Vaughn

Pam proposed a change in the interlibrary loan policy to require a \$1 fee for each request. The board approved the change.

Feedback on the new library has been overwhelmingly positive. Visitors from out of state have said it's the most beautiful library they've ever seen. The library experienced some technology issues after opening but they have been mostly resolved. The lego programs today and yesterday were very successful—over 100 children at each program. There have been 1,900 new library patrons since the grand opening! Pam commended the library staff for their hard work.

Ann asked about homeless people, because of a community complaint. There are two homeless men that spend most of their days at the library; they have been asked to leave at times because of smell. Showers are available at the Food and Care Coalition.

Jenette has heard a complaint about noise created by both patrons and staff in several locations in the building. Library staff has not been able to roam as much as planned because of demand at the help desk.

IX. Officers

According to the library board bylaws, chairman is a one-year term. The board overwhelmingly approved an extension of Karen's term by one-year. The board also approved one-year extensions for Betsy as secretary, Jenette as historian, and Garn as vice-chair.

Mark asked about filling vacancies on the board; he will encourage the Mayor to consider the suggested names. Many board members are coming up on the end of their 3-year terms. City-wide board appointments end in April. The state website lists terms. Pam and Mark will look at the list and figure out appointments to make sure they are staggered. Terms for chairman and secretary should be examined in January, to coordinate with board changes in April.

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned.