

Regular Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees
Tuesday, May 21, 2002 - Library Board Room
04:00 PM - 08:55 PM

Minutes of Actions and Decisions of the Board of Library Trustees of the Bellingham Public Library as Authorized by RCW 27.12.210 and SEC. 7.02 Charter of the City of Bellingham.

Board Members Present: Alan Kemble, H.A. Barney Goltz, Judith Wiseman, Karen Durham, Rick Rhodes

Board Members Absent:

Library Staff: Julie Carterson; Margaret Ziegler; Gladys Fullford; Gayle Helgoe and Donna Graddock

Others:

Minutes approved: April 16, 2002 regular meeting

Claims approved: April 2002 general fund \$34,359.40; gift fund \$363.69

Director's Report - We received an award of \$28,170 from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for the purchase of computer equipment to expand public access to the internet. This includes four computers for the main library, four computers for the Fairhaven branch, a master server for the print management system, wiring and connectivity. A mandatory training session is required.

Public Comment - Bill Hinely expressed his heartfelt appreciation for maintaining our Library Programs. He shares the excitement of a new library and suggests opening the channels of communication for public input as early as possible. Julie intends to use our website for communication as well as speaking to groups.

Action Items - Gayle Helgoe explained the need to standardize hours at Fairhaven based on usage and cost savings. Karen Durham moved to change the Fairhaven Library existing open hours to noon to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Judith Wiseman seconded. The motion was approved. Donna Graddock will begin submitting a monthly report from the Fairhaven Library for the board packet.

Communications - A note from Leslie Langdon mentioned that she enjoyed attending the Library Board meetings and encouraged the board in their future deliberations.

Discussion Items - Fairhaven auditorium floating floor will be installed by volunteer professional floor layers led by John Blethen. The floating floor will not compromise the architectural or historical integrity of the building. The floor will actually distribute weight more evenly and provide noise abatement through the foam underlay.

A draft of a Proposed Problem Behavior Policy--Rules of Behavior has been circulated to Staff and the City Legal Department.

The Mayor has appointed an official Centennial Celebration Committee. Every department is producing a plan of work for the celebration which runs from July 4, 2003 through January 3, 2004. Jane Lowrey and Scott Blume will represent the Library.

Next Regular Meeting - June 18, 2002 will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Proposed Special Meeting - June 25, 2002 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Chair, Library Board of Trustees

ATTEST

Secretary, Library Board of Trustees