

Regular Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees
Wednesday, July 17, 2002 - Library Board Room
04:30 PM - 07:00 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, Rick Rhodes

Board Members Absent: Karen Durham

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

Others:

Minutes approved: June 18, 2002 regular meeting
June 25, 2002 special meeting

Claims approved: June, 2002 general fund \$21,931.88; gift fund \$0.00

Communications -- Alan Kemble spoke to Don Drake at the Whatcom Community Foundation regarding the letter that offered the opportunity to move our share of investment funds to socially responsible approved funds. The quick deadline was due to the close of their financial year. Barney Goltz moved that the Board send a letter to the Whatcom Community Foundation expressing our feeling that our Board could not act in time to make an informed decision. The Board would like to consider the opportunity at a future time. It would be helpful to have an annual review of the Board's investments. The motion was seconded and approved.

Action Items -- The Public Bulletin Board and Literature Rack Draft Policy was discussed. The policy will be revised with suggestions from the Board.

The Board approved 7,465 withdrawals during the second quarter of 2002. This information is stored on two sets of discs.

Director's Report -- There are two new very informative reports: **2002 - 2022 Population, Housing and Employment Growth Projections** and **Whatcom County Population and Economic Forecast**. Bellingham's growth from 1990 to 2000 was 29%, and the population is projected to reach 109,000 by 2020. This presents implications for providing library services in the future.

The Gates computers have been ordered. As dictated by the grant, four will go to Fairhaven and four to the Main Library including one for ADA. The computers have a provision for text to speech. There are several language capabilities and a Spanish key board, but not a translator. There will be a server to be used for print management.

The Library is able to comply with the mandated 2002 budget cuts. The County will pick up half of the cost of the software for retrospective conversion. Our room rental revenue is anticipated to be \$15,000 more than budgeted.

The Fairhaven program, **Blast-Off**, was wonderful, and there was a good attendance. Thanks go to Friends of Fairhaven.

Public Comment -- Velma Wendt asked about the four computers going to Fairhaven. Two computers will also be upgraded for a total of six computers at Fairhaven.

Executive Session -- Discussion of Site Evaluation.

Next Regular Meeting -- August 20, 2002 will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Chair, Library Board of Trustees

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Secretary, Library Board of Trustees