

Regular Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees
Tuesday, August 20, 2002 - Library Board Room
04:00 PM - 05:35 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

Others:

Minutes approved: July 17, 2002 regular meeting amended to name the **Blast-Off** Fairhaven Program.

Claims approved: July, 2002 general fund \$32,736.45; gift fund \$ 253.29

Communications - None

Director's Report -- Whatcom County Library System has a new librarian: Joan Airoldi. She is from Wisconsin and has experience working with 29 independent boards. She will begin her position as director of WCLS on October 7, 2002. Barney Goltz suggested an informational joint meeting with the WCLS Board.

The Gates computers will arrive later this month. A technical group, Colligo Corporation, has optical enhancement software and print-to-voice software that our Gates computers will accept. The quality of the synthesized voice is very good. This will also give us an opportunity to address requests for resources in Braille.

The ceremony for the Children's Department summer program, Exploring Other Worlds, was held August 16th. We had the highest attendance ever at the ceremony. The Children's Department had record circulation in July as a result of increased programming, getting word out to the schools and support from the Board and Friends. Sandy Zell will be participating in the Distance Learning Program at UW this year, and Bethany Dickinson plans to participate next year.

We are moving our computer servers to a secure site at Fiber Cloud. This will give us the backup we need. Capital money will be saved since we would otherwise have needed to buy uninterruptible power service.

Julie met with a Northwest Seattle Security Bond Underwriter, who presented research on bond issues in Bellingham and the State of Washington. It was suggested that she give a power point presentation to the Board.

Public Comment -- Ted Smith, a WCLS employee, expressed his concern about the Patriot Act. He described it as a potentially disruptive legislation that suspends civil liberties. The WCLS will be printing a pamphlet to make their patrons aware of this legislation. Ted suggested the Board disapprove of it strongly. More information can be found on the ALA and Library of Congress websites.

Action Item -- The Rules of Conduct Policy was discussed. Revisions were suggested, and the policy will be revisited at the September meeting.

Judith Wiseman moved to approve the Public Bulletin Board and Literature Rack Draft Policy with one correction. Barney Goltz seconded the motion. The policy was approved.

Executive Session -- Site evaluation update.

Next Regular Meeting -- September 17, 2002 will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Chair, Library Board of Trustees

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Secretary, Library Board of Trustees