

Regular Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees
Tuesday, August 17, 2004 - Library Board Room
02:30 PM - 04:05 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: Vice-Chairperson: Alan Kemble, H.A. Barney Goltz, Judith Wiseman, David Edelstein

Board Members Absent: Chairperson: Tim Douglas

Library Staff: Gayle Helgoe; Margaret Ziegler; Iris Kaneshige

Others: Velma Wendt

General Session Convened: 2:30 p.m.

Minutes approved: July 20, 2004 regular meeting minutes were approved. Moved by Judith Wiseman, seconded by David Edelstein.

Claims approved: July, 2004 general fund \$41,539.96; gift fund \$1,565.90. Moved by Barney Goltz, seconded by Judith Wiseman.

Statistics: Alan noted persons visiting were down, but circulation of materials were up.

Board Member Reports: Barney Goltz wanted to acknowledge the Birchwood Garden Club for their continued support and maintenance of the planter gardens in front of the library. Barney will draft a thank you on behalf of the Board. Gayle Helgoe also mentioned a \$400 contribution was received from the Birchwood Garden Club.

Library Director Report: Gayle reported that Pam Kiesner will be arriving the week of August 23rd, with an official start date of August 31st.

The 2005 Budget forecast is better than projected. There has not been any direction from the mayor as of yet. However, Gayle handed out the Departmental Objectives and along with the Council Goals for 2005. The Departmental Objectives should be in line with the Council's Goals.

Public Comment: Mr. Johnny Grames and Leikos Grames wanted to inquire about the policies for the posters and displays.

Action Items: Lorna Klemanski brought the 114L Premium share agreements for the Board's review and approval. Barney Goltz moved to ratify and Judith Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Gayle Helgoe addressed the Borrower Policies and recommended that the Board not approve item #1 allowing non-residents free BPL library cards if they were employed in Whatcom County. Alan Kemble moved to approve policy items #2-4, seconded by David Edelstein. The motion was approved.

Discussion Items: Gayle Helgoe apprised the Board of a membership opportunity to a new organization - Businesslinc - a roundtable for non-profits. It was tabled at this time.

Communications: A letter of thanks was received from Mary Swenson, Director of Law Advocates. The letter thanked the library for partnering with them to provide the lecture room for "Street Law".

Next Regular Meeting – September 21, 2004 will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Chair, Library Board of Trustees

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Secretary, Library Board of Trustees