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CITY OF ALBANY
ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
JANUARY 26, 2010

MINUTES

Board members present: Chris Dunn, Ryan Mattingly, Karyn Walker, Georgiann Wheeler

Staff present: Ed Gallagher, Library Director; Scott Keeney, Children's Librarian

CALL TO ORDER

Walker called the meeting to order at 4:59 p.m.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 1, 2009, MINUTES

Dunn made a motion to approve the minutes. Mattingly seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

MANELA INVOICES

Dunn made a motion to approve payment of the Manela invoices. Walker seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Gallagher said the Foundation was getting bids for the renovation of the Children's room in the basement. Floors will be the last project after others are done. Work should begin in February.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Gallagher distributed statistics for November and December 2009. Percentage of changes has been in the double digit increase. It was noted that the two columns of numbers for 2008/2009 were transposed in the handout. It was noted the increase in volunteer hours and that Library Resources Coordinator LaRee Bates has done a great job with the volunteer program.

Gallagher said across the board, there will be a five percent cut in the City's budget, which equates to \$125,000-\$130,000 for the Library. The City's Budget Committee may make other cuts on top of that five percent cut. He's looking at various options to be able to make the necessary budget reduction, i.e., cut some contracted services; limit or cut out attending conferences, which is already minimal; or cut back on collections. Gallagher said the Oregon Community Foundation, the Albany Public Library Foundation, and the Friends of the Albany Public Library are there to help support the Library and may be asked for additional support in the upcoming fiscal year. Possibly ask the Oregon Community Foundation to fund the Library Resources Coordinator or the Albany Public Library Foundation to help fund Carnegie Library's collections, or other options. Gallagher said he would like for the Board members to be thinking about areas/options for cutting in the Library's budget.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Board members introduced themselves.

- a. Election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Liaison to the Albany Public Library Foundation)
Dunn nominated Walker for Chair. Walker nominated Dunn for Vice Chair. Mattingly seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. General consensus that Scott Givens to continue as Liaison to the Albany Public Library Foundation.

Wheeler inquired as to the meeting time of 4:45 p.m. and if it was possible to change to 5:00 p.m. No decision was reached.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 23, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Gallagher
Library Director