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CITY OF ALBANY
ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
JULY 27, 2010

MINUTES

Board members present: Chris Dunn, Scott Givens, Krist Obrist, Karyn Walker

Staff present: Ed Gallagher, Library Director; Kathy Grosso, Administrative Assistant I

CALL TO ORDER

Walker called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MAY 25, 2010, MINUTES

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

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

MANELA INVOICES

Approval of payment of the Manela invoices was unanimous.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Gallagher reported that Jason Darling attended the recent Foundation (APLF) meeting. Darling had reported that some Foundation members indicated a desire to meet with staff regarding money to be given to the Library and discuss how it is allocated.

Gallagher said the basement renovation project is almost complete, and one APLF Board member had a few remaining concerns for items he thought still needed to be addressed.

The ALPF would now like to start marketing the Carnegie Library as well as do some type of polling of the public to ascertain what they would like, i.e., increased hours or could it be improved to increase the usage.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Gallagher referred to the statistics for the end of the fiscal year compared to the previous year showing approximately a 15 percent increase.

Gallagher said at the Carnegie Library the kids movies, books on tape, and Young Adult (YA) collection will eventually go into the basement, Rotary Room, so that all the YA and kids items are in the basement. In the freed-up area upstairs, may move some of the Reference resources to that area and add a couple more Internet stations.

Staff is discussing making one of the stations at the Circulation desk a self-check-out station where patrons could receive help from staff. Also, Gallagher said there is discussion about stopping the use of security cases and making use of different security tagging. There would be some cost savings since the tagging isn't as expensive as the security cases, and they wouldn't take up as much shelf space.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials

Request was received to remove *Final Exit* by Derek Humphry from the Library collection. Walker referred to #6 of the Freedom to Read Statement adopted by the American Library Association that "...It is inevitable in the give and take of the democratic process that the political, the moral, or the aesthetic concepts of an individual or group will occasionally collide with those of another individual or group. In a free society individuals are free to determine for themselves what they wish to read, and each group is free to determine what it will recommend to its freely associated members. But no group has the right to take the law into its own hands, and to impose its own concept of politics or morality upon other members of a democratic society. Freedom is no freedom if it is accorded only to the accepted and the inoffensive." The Board unanimously agreed that it is an individual's personal responsibility to determine what they choose to read.

Gallagher said he would draft a letter for the Board's review to the requestor with their decision.

b. Gallagher suggested a retreat with the APLF Board and the Friends of the Library Board in November, if not sooner, possibly at the Carnegie Library. Board members thought it would be a good idea.

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 28, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Recorded by,

Ed Gallagher
Library Director

Kathy Grosso
Administrative Assistant I