The February meeting of the North Central Regional Library Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson Deborah Moore. Board Members Jim Brucker, Lynn Beltz, Gail Huntley, Jennifer Maydole, and Barbara Wolff were present. Executive Director Dean Marney, Director of Public Services Dan Howard, Associate Director Marilyn Neumiller, Finance Manager Sue DeWitz, and Administrative Assistant Anne Brangwin were present as well.

The Agenda and Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

The Director's Report included personnel, services, litigation, automation, and buildings. Sterlene Sena has replaced Jann Timm at the Omak branch. Jan has taken over as the Okanogan branch librarian. Roxanne Southwood, Moses Lake, has been subpoenaed to testify in a case resulting from an incident at the Moses Lake Library involving two patrons. The Children's Services Committee has selected the Kaplan curriculum, Links to Literacy, for our early literacy program. The new curriculum will replace Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library. NCRL's new Dodge Sprinter has arrived and is out on the road doing deliveries. The Freedom to Read Foundation of The American Library Association in their Midwinter 2010 report to the Intellectual Freedom Roundtable summarized the current status of the case by saying "FTRF is not yet involved in this action." NCRL staff have been trained and the Acquisitions System is up and running. Broadband stimulus funds continue to be a hot topic in the state. The State Department of Information Services recently joined the ranks of applicants. NCRL was included in their proposal, but after reviewing the process, Marney asked that NCRL be removed from the application. The City of Wenatchee contracts for joint ownership and standard reimbursement was discussed in a phone conference between Marney and Dan Frazier, Finance Manager for The City of Wenatchee.

Howard presented the February Branch Report. Wenatchee Wild hockey players kicked off the Wenatchee Public Library's first Celebrity Storytime on Tuesday, January 19th. A Wenatchee Police Officer presented baby storytime at the Wenatchee Public Library on January 14th. Self-checkout units have been installed in 21 of 28 of our branch libraries. The City of Wenatchee issued a proclamation: "March and April 2010 to be a time to celebrate family reading through the Columbia River Families Read The Giver reading program and urges all citizens to read The Giver." Forty people attended an adult program on Jack Nisbet's new book The Collector at the Leavenworth Library on January 29th. The Republic Library's new T-Lab (Teen Library Advisory Board) met recently at the library to adopt bylaws and make recommendations on spending grant funds.
T-Lab’s goals are to purchase furniture, build a study bar, and plan future programs at the library. Ten people attended a resume writing workshop taught by Neumiller at the Wenatchee Public Library on January 26th. Neumiller also taught classes on basic computing and e-mail as well. Technical Processing and NCRL materials selectors attended the Acquisitions Module training on January 19, 21, and 22. Coulee City Library now offers Saturday and Evening hours.

Resolution 10-01: Levy Tax Rate for 2010 Assessment was reviewed and discussed. The resolution changes the levy tax rate for 2010 to 36.917 cents per thousand dollars assessed valuation in the library taxing district based on the 2009 valuation for 2010 tax collection. After discussion Beltz moved to accept the resolution as presented. Wolff seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Resolution 10-02: Mileage Reimbursement Rate was reviewed and discussed. The resolution sets the rate of reimbursement for mileage at $.50 per mile effective January 1, 2010. After discussion Beltz moved to accept the resolution as presented. Maydole seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Resolution 10-03: Cancellation of Outstanding Warrants was reviewed and discussed. The resolution directs the Chelan County Auditor and Chelan County Treasurer to cancel warrants in the amount of $508.28. Brucker moved to accept the resolution as presented. Wolff seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

A financial report including fund balances, a listing of bills to be paid and payroll was presented. Fund Balances at the Chelan County Treasurer’s Office as of January 31, 2010 were reviewed: General Fund $6,791,886.13, Automation Fund $450,872.74, Facility Improvement Fund $465,301.23 and Payroll Fund $1,139,792.76; After review and discussion Beltz moved that vouchers #53655 through #53770 in the amount of $279,580.76 and payroll in the amount of $278,913.45 be approved for payment. Huntley seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Board members reviewed and discussed expenditures from the Endowment Funds. Brucker moved that vouchers # 0066-0068 in the amount of $1,636.54 be approved for payment. Beltz seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Expenditures from the Designated Funds were discussed by board members. Beltz moved that voucher # 0102 be approved for payment. Wolff seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed and discussed changes to the personnel guidelines. Including updated wording in the vacation leave section, sick leave policy, leave without pay policy, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Wolff moved to approve the changes; Huntley seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The board decided to table discussion of the cell phone and social networking policies until the next board meeting.
The next meeting of the North Central Regional Library Board of Trustees will be March 11, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the Distribution Center in Wenatchee, WA.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Dean Marney, Executive Director

Deborah Moore, Chairperson