March 12, 2009
Distribution Center, Wenatchee

The March meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Central Regional Library was called to order by Chair Lynn Beltz. Board Members Roger Lucas, Deborah Moore, and Alec McKay were present. Executive Director Dean Marney, Director of Public Services Dan Howard, Associate Director Marilyn Neumiller, Finance Manager Sue DeWitz, HR Manager Dixie Taylor, and Administrative Assistant Anne Brangwin were also present.

The agenda and minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

A financial report including the revolving fund expenditures, fund balances, and a listing of bills and payroll to be paid in March was presented to the trustees. Fund balances at the Chelan County Treasurer’s Office as February 28, 2009 were reported: General Fund $5,773,703.26, Automation Fund $444,779.36, Facility Improvement Fund, $456,162.42, Payroll Fund, $1,083,418.95 and Endowment Funds $465,548.68. After review and discussion of March's financial reports and Revolving Fund expenditures Lucas moved that vouchers #52202 through #52326 in the amount of $338,238.01 and the payroll in the amount of $267,983.32 be approved for payment. McKay seconded the motion which passed unanimously. There were no expenditures from the Endowment Funds or Designated Funds.

The Director's Report included personnel, litigation, services, and the Distribution Center. Lucile Ames the Okanogan librarian is retiring on March 31. WCIF has delayed implementation of coverage for long-term care insurance. After discussion Moore moved to postpone offering the coverage until 2010. Lucas seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. March 21 is NCRL night at the Wenatchee Wild hockey game. NCRL’s answer to the plaintiffs brief is due March 16. NCRL is currently number 38 of 55 cases scheduled for oral arguments during the Washington State Supreme Court’s 2009 spring session. Information has been added about NCRL’s filtering policy to the web site policy page and the log in page for both wireless and branch public computers. NCRL has been promoting Tutor.Com as part of the new Balanced Scorecard target. The promotion includes sending a letter and poster to teachers and a follow up visit by librarians. NCRL has received the first check for this year’s Gates Grant. Use of the Distribution Center by outside groups is increasing.
Howard presented the March Branch Report. The Chelan Library received a $500.00 donation from the Rotary Club and a $1000.00 donation from the Chamber of Commerce. The donations will support summer reading at the library. 45 Girls attended the annual American Girl party at the Omak Public Library; this year's theme was a 1950s Sock Hop Dance Party. Home Depot awarded the Omak Library $8000.00 for the purchase of a new carpet for the Omak Library. They also plan to send employees to help move books and furniture plus remove the old carpet in preparation for the installation. A donation funded the purchase of two leather chairs at the Grand Coulee Library. The first Play and Learn Group for Children, Family and Friends, and neighbors started at the Wenatchee Public Library on February 5. This is a weekly early learning class which is a result of collaboration between NCRL, Catholic Family and Child Services, Eastmont School District, Washington State Child Care Resource and Referral Network, The Leavenworth Rotary, and the Chelan Douglas Community Network. Five staff members attended the Annual Embracing Early Childhood Conference in Wenatchee on February 27 and 28th. There was also an E-Government training at the Omak Library on February 24th, and a HIP/Horizon Refresher workshop for substitutes at the Ephrata Library on March 10th.

Neumiller presented the Automation Report. Preparations have begun at the branch libraries for the additional computers they will be receiving as part of the latest Gates Grant. Neumiller attended the Northwest Council of Computer Educators Conference in Portland OR. Staff training on Information literacy and On-Line Safety is scheduled in May. Neumiller has been participating in OCLC's Virtual Reference Program.

The board discussion included moving the board meeting back from April 16th to April 9th.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday April 9th, 2009 at the Distribution Center, Wenatchee WA

Respectfully Submitted

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Deborah Moore - Vice Chair

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Lynn Beltz, Chairperson