August 14, 2008 Distribution Center, Wenatchee

The August meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Central Regional Library was called to order by Chair Lynn Beltz. Board members Jim Brucker, Roger Lucas, Deborah Moore, and Barbara Wolff were present. Library Director Dean Marney, Director of Public Services Dan Howard, Associate Director Marilyn Neumiller and HR Manager Dixie Taylor were also present.

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

Resolution 08-03: Mileage Reimbursement Rate setting the rate to \$.585 (fifty-eight and one/half cents) per mile effective July 1, 2008 was reviewed and discussed. After discussion Moore moved to accept the resolution as presented. Wolff seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Resolution 08-04: Cancellation of Outstanding Warrants was reviewed and discussed. The resolution authorizes the Chelan County Auditor and Treasurer to cancel Warrant #98946 in the amount of \$348.68, which has not been presented for payment within one year of issue.

A financial report including revolving fund expenditures, fund balances, a listing of bills paid in July, and July payroll was presented to the trustees. Fund balances at the Chelan County Treasurer's Office as of June 30th were reported: General Fund, \$7,440,812.41; Automation Fund, \$411,900.77; Facility Improvement Fund, \$425,097.77; Payroll Emergency Fund, \$1,018,550.12; and Endowment Funds, \$471,714.38.

After review and discussion of July's financial reports and Revolving Fund expenditures, Lucas moved that vouchers #51176 through #51284 in the amount of \$335,493.37 and payroll in the amount of \$261,645.79 be approved for payment. Brucker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. After review and discussion of Endowment Fund expenditures in July, Brucker moved that vouchers #0046 through #0047 in the amount of \$8,736.25 be approved for payment. Moore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. There were no expenditures from the Designated Funds in July.

Fund balances at the Chelan County Treasurer's Office as of July 31st were reported: General Fund, \$7,012,375.58; Automation Fund, \$412,648.82; Facility Improvement Fund, \$425,869.77; Payroll Emergency Fund, &1,020,447.20; and Endowment Funds, \$463,835.06.

After review and discussion of August financial reports and Revolving Fund expenditures, Moore moved that vouchers #51285 through #51402 in the amount of \$551,724.55 and payroll in the amount of \$265,289.50 be approved for payment. Brucker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. After review and discussion of Endowment Fund expenditures, Lucas moved that voucher #0048 in the amount of \$2,617.90 be approved for payment. Brucker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. There were no expenditures from the Designated Funds in August.

The Director's Report included staff, audit, litigation, services, meetings and buildings. Toni Hardy, Children's Manager has resigned her position to relocate. The biannual audit will begin August 25th and is scheduled to last two weeks. The litigation against NCRL was discussed at

the ALA Conference. An agreement to host the Holden Village audio archives has been drafted by the library district's attorney. Progress is being made on the Gates Grant to add Internet computers in the branches. Green buildings, LEED Certification, allocation of LSTA funds were topics of discussion at the Washington State Library Director's Summer Meeting. The Director and Howard attended the PNLA meeting. An interview about the library district's success in serving rural areas resulted in a favorable article in the Wenatchee World. The HVAC unit in the server room has been replaced. Floors in the Director's and Howard's offices have been resealed. A committee to study green practices for the Distribution Center and all branches has been formed.

Howard presented the June Branch Report. Hours have been added to Moses Lake and Omak. The new bookmobile has arrived. The staff Wiki is up and running. Major redesign of NCRL's website has begun. Certificates of achievement were awarded to children who learned six preliteracy skills as part of the Every Child Ready to Read program. Wenatchee Downtown Association began a downtown tour at the Distribution Center. Quincy is continuing efforts to relocate their library. A Xerascaping project at the Wenatchee Public Library has been completed. Summer Reading programs at the branches continue to be successful, including puppeteers, Book-It Theatre, and a booth at the Wenatchee Farmer's Market. Howard reported on a study of reading skills developed by reading books vs. reading on the Internet.

Neumiller reported that the Horizon database has been moved to servers. A new website, Chilifresh, a book review program, has been added to the public catalog, as well as Pearl's Picks, which gives reading suggestions. Training for the month has included Gale Resources, Grant Station, and Microsoft Office. The current E-rate application has been approved.

Lucas asked that pictures of branch buildings and staff be displayed upstairs at the Distribution Center. The general consensus was to have photographs taken professionally.

Moore asked the Board's opinion of approaching State Representatives to sponsor a bill eliminating pornography and on-line gambling from public access computers. The general consensus was favorable.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2008 at the Distribution Center, Wenatchee Washington.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Dean C. Marney, Directo

Lynn Beltz, Chairperson