December 10, 2009 Distribution Center, Wenatchee

Prior to beginning the official meeting, a luncheon in honor of Roger Lucas was held at the Distribution Center. Mrs. Lucas was also present for luncheon.

The December meeting of the North Central Regional Library Board of Trustees was called to order by Vice-Chair Deborah Moore. Board Members Jim Brucker, Roger Lucas, Jennifer Maydole, Alec McKay, and Barbara Wolff 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 present as well.

The Agenda was amended for a presentation of a plaque to Roger Lucas. His term expires at the end of December.

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

The Director's Report included Trustees, personnel, services, buildings and legislation. The Grant County Commissioners have been notified of the completion of Roger Lucas's term and are recruiting his replacement. Jennifer Oatey, Chelan Branch, is beginning an online course of study through Highline Community College in the library science paraprofessional program. Angela Morris, Children's Manager, has started the distance learning Master's in Library Science program through Drexel University. The Republic Branch has received a \$5,000.00 grant from Kinross Mining Company. Part of the grant money will fund the purchase of a video gaming system for the branch. This will be a pilot program for NCRL to test whether this type of programming will bring more middle and high school students into the branch and promote library use and increased book circulation for this age group. NCRL will be partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to provide branch space and information distribution during Census 2010. Branch building plans are in various stages of planning in Oroville, Moses Lake, Quincy, and Winthrop. NCRL is seeking estimates and preliminary bids, and working toward plans to help with shelving and some furniture in those branches. The City of Omak has received a Stimulus Energy Project Grant of up to \$135,000.00 to replace the roof, improve lighting, windows, HVAC system and restrooms at the Omak Branch. There is a plan to introduce legislation in the next session to make it easier for counties to de-annex from inter-county rural library districts.

Howard presented the December Branch Report. Howard and Marney visited the Ephrata, Moses Lake, Soap Lake and Quincy Libraries on November 20<sup>th</sup>, and the Leavenworth Library on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Author Jack Nesbet provided

programs at libraries throughout the district in late November and early December. He discussed his latest book, *The Collector: David Douglas and the Natural History of the Northwest.* Bilingual Outreach Librarian Deb McVay provided early literacy and story time training for the Mid-Columbia Library in Kennewick on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Automatic faucets and new urinals were installed in Wenatchee Public Library restrooms on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. An Ergonomics/Body Mechanics Training class for supervisors was offered on November 17<sup>th</sup>. An employee for the Department of Labor and Industries taught supervisors using a "train-the-trainer" format. Excel and PowerPoint-More Tips and Tricks training sessions were presented in Ephrata and Wenatchee. Marney, Howard, and Angela Morris met with Wenatchee School District teacher-librarians on November 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss how NCRL can best support students and educators. As the result of a recent project, all 6,000-plus Wenatchee School District students have access to NCRL databases and online products using their student ID numbers.

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 November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 were reviewed: General Fund \$7,426,208.45, Automation Fund \$460,781.56, Facility Improvement Fund Fund \$472,957.81, and Payroll Fund \$1,139,189.01. After review and discussion Brucker moved that vouchers #53402 through #53519 in the amount of \$497,943.00, and payroll in the amount of \$272,817.00 be approved for payment. Maydole seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Board Members reviewed and discussed expenditures from the Endowment Funds. Maydole moved that Voucher # 0062 in the amount of \$1,100.40 be approved for payment. Wolff seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Lastly, the board discussed expenditures from the Designated Funds. Brucker moved that voucher #0100 in the amount of \$10,146.79 and voucher # 0101 in the amount of \$7,901.28 be approved for payment. McKay seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2010 Budget. Dewitz explained to the members that due to a miscalculation by Chelan County Assesor's Office of new construction for the 2009 budget year, there may be a slight deduction in the levy rate collected in 2010. The Budget sets expenditures from the Current Expense Fund at \$16,149,435.00, the Designated Funds at \$200,000.00 and the Endowment Funds at \$48,000.00. In developing the 2010 Budget an assumed levy rate of \$.50 per thousand was used pending final valuations from the district counties, at which time the levy rate would be adjusted accordingly. After presentation and discussion Maydole moved to accept the 2010 budget as presented, Brucker seconded the motion which passed unanimously

Resolution 09-05: Approving and Adopting Fiscal 2010 Annual Budget and Levy Tax Rate for the 2010 Assessment was reviewed. After review and discussion Lucas moved to accept the budget as presented. Wolff seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the North Central Regional Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for January 14, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at the Distribution Center, Wenatchee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dean Marney, Executive Director

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