

September 15, 2011  
Distribution Center, Wenatchee

The September meeting of the North Central Regional Library Board of Trustees was called to order by Vice- Chairperson Jim Brucker. Board Members Gail Huntley, Jennifer Maydole, Alec McKay, and Barbara Wolff were in attendance. Executive Director Dean Marney, Director of Public Services Dan Howard, Finance Manager Sue DeWitz, HR Manager Dixie Taylor, Children's Services Manager Angela Morris, and Administrative Assistant Anne Brangwin were also present.

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

The Director's report included Litigation, Services, Meetings, and Facilities. Judge Shea has scheduled a hearing on the pending cross-summary-judgment motions as they relate to the Washington Supreme Court's ruling on the certified questions for October 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at the Federal Court House in Richland. Marney and Howard met with NCRL's attorneys to discuss the upcoming hearing. NCRL is continuing its discussion with the City of George over establishing a branch there. The conversion to NCRL's new Integrated Library System, (KOHA), is on schedule. Marney and Howard attended a meeting with the Chelan Library Committee to discuss a new branch building. Marney and Howard also toured the site with the architect who did the preliminary study on the proposed building. REC silicon is suing Grant County requesting a refund for property taxes paid in 2010. This amount includes taxes already paid to the library district. Marney and Howard attended a meeting of taxing districts with the Grant County Assessor to discuss the case. NCRL has received delivery of a new Ford Escape. Skateboarders vandalized the Distribution Center; the recording of the incident from the surveillance system has been turned over to the Police.

Howard presented the September Branch Report. Howard and Marney attended an event sponsored by the Paul G. Allen Family Association which recently awarded NCRL a grant. Directors and Library Employees from the six libraries that received grants discussed projects and made recommendations for future grants. 31 NCRL employees attended a "Best Young Children's Books" workshop at the Distribution Center on September 15<sup>th</sup>. 23 NCRL employees attended Social Media/Facebook training at the Distribution Center on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Children's Services Manager, Angela Morris, attended a Youth and Children's Services Managers meeting at the new Vancouver Library on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The Manson Library received a \$3,000.00 grant from the Community Foundation for NCW and a \$1000.00 gift from Walmart for new carpet. The library will be closed for carpet installation on September 29<sup>th</sup> and

will reopen on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The Quincy Library is slated to open in November, 2011.

Morris reported the 2011 Summer Reading Program. Children read over 5,117,340 minutes. The Program had a 13% increase in minutes read over 2010.

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 August 30, 2011 were reviewed: General Fund \$9,121,379.24, Automation Fund \$477,747.17, Facility Improvement Fund \$435,038.73, Payroll Fund \$1,194,501.33 and Endowment Funds \$432,352.43. Maydole moved that vouchers #56009 through #56111 in the amount of \$410,947.86 and payroll in the amount of \$293,459.25 be approved for payment. Huntley seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The Board reviewed expenditures from the Designated Funds. Huntley moved that voucher # 0112 in the amount of \$44,300.00 be approved for payment. McKay seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The Board then reviewed expenditures from the Endowment Funds. Maydole moved that voucher #114 through #0115 in the amount of \$643.65 be approved for payment. Huntley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Employee Benefits were discussed. The Board was advised that they will get a full breakdown of costs mailed to them so that they can review the options and discuss it in depth at the next board meeting.

The next meeting of the North Central Regional Library Board of Trustees will be October 13, 2011 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

Jim Brucker, Vice-Chair

