

Newport Public Library Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 2010

Present: Carol Ruggeri, Chip Norman, Cindy McConnell, Sharon Beardsley, Ted Smith

President Sharon Beardsley called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes: It was moved by Sharon Beardsley and seconded by Carol Ruggeri that minutes of the previous meeting be approved; the motion passed by a voice vote.

Election of Officers: Carol Ruggeri was nominated for President of the Library Board and unanimously accepted.

Chip Norman was nominated for Vice President of the Library Board and unanimously accepted.

Office terms are in effect immediately.

Board Term Change Proposal: Smith discussed how staggering the board terms will benefit the board by allowing new and veteran members to serve together.

It was noted that McConnell's 1st term will be up this year.

Chip Norman updated his email address to: chucknorman1565@yahoo.com

Librarian's Report: Ted Smith reported on the CRSN meeting that took place earlier in the day. He said they are moving closer to a resolution on financing issues concerning how each library's financial responsibility is determined. The current formula is based on circulation, which results in Newport contributing to large fees for internet and mail services despite not using CRSN for these services. Smith also mentioned a now-unused dataline up to Tillamook that has an unbreakable \$500/month contract for another 2 ½ years.

Ted Smith noted that although he feels strongly that the current CRSN financing system is unfair, it's very important to work diplomatically for change. Causing the dissolution of CRSN would be counterproductive. The Board discussed the various benefits of the consortium.

Other Business: Sharon Beardsley checked with Ted Smith about a Humanities Grant, and reported that the Newport Reads book should be selected on the upcoming Monday.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.