

Minutes of the Newport Public Library Board – September 7, 2016

Call to Order at 5:15 pm

Present: Samantha Schafer, Wendy Engler, Autumn Belloni, Evonne Mochon-Collura, Sharon Beardsley, Gretchen Havner, Ted Smith, and Linda Annable (Recording Secretary).

March minutes were read and accepted unanimously as written.

Librarian's Report: See attached. Ted offered to send his Librarian's Reports from alternating months Foundation Meetings to anyone on the board who is interested.

Outreach Policy Update: Gretchen suggested a few refinements. Motion to accept policy passed to accept revisions as stated below.

The policy should now read:

7.2 INDIVIDUAL HOMEBOUND SERVICE Those desiring homebound service must be confined to their homes for a minimum of 3 continuous months. They must complete an application interview to determine if they qualify for the program, and to assess their reading or listening interests and needs. Applicants already having library cards must be free of charges before they begin the program. Their cards will then be changed to Outreach status. A homebound library card will be issued if the patron does not already have a library card. Materials are requested by the homebound patron through the Outreach staff at the time of the scheduled visit by calling the library, or through the online catalog.

No circulation report at this time. (Sheryl Eldridge prepares these reports monthly. She has been on vacation.)

New Business: Gretchen brought up the issue of children under the age of 6 being left unattended at the library. Discussion ensued regarding age changes to policy. Linda and Ted mentioned that this issue has been discussed by staff as well. Ted will bring the Board's discussion points to the next staff meeting and they will construct a policy to bring to the Board for the November meeting.

Ted briefly described the new position which will be filled after Kay retires.

Wendy reported that the City Council has hired a professional firm, HDR, for the Newport Visioning 2040. She also voiced concern about the 2 apartment buildings near the library (on 3rd Street) which will house parolees, potentially including sex offenders. Lastly, Wendy mentioned the meeting on September 15 with ODOT regarding the future of the Yaquina Bay Bridge.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Annable
Board Secretary