

**MINUTES
LONGMONT LIBRARY BOARD
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409 FOURTH AVENUE
FEBRUARY 28, 2008**

The February 28, 2008 meeting of the Longmont Library board was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairperson Viki McKinney.

1. Roll Call

Those present were Chairperson Viki McKinney, members Paula Etrick, Dede Alspaugh, and Brian Pixley, Councilmember Gabe Santos, Library Director Tony Brewer and Administrative Analyst Linda Murchison.

2. Approval of Minutes

Brian Pixley moved and Dede Alspaugh seconded that the minutes of the December meeting be approved. The motion passed. There was no meeting in January of 2008.

3. Business

a. Introduction and welcome of new member Paula Etrick and Councilmember Gabe Santos. Paula and Gabe gave brief self-introductions. It was noted that Joan Peck had been appointed to the board earlier in the week but was unable to attend due to a prior engagement. The Board looks forward to her attendance at the next scheduled meeting.

b. There was discussion of ^{and East lobby of Library} adopting a meeting agenda posting/location at the West end of the Civic Center. Brian Pixley moved and Paula Etrick seconded the motion to so locate the minutes. Brian Pixley suggested that the Board explore posting the agenda online.

c. The Board used the first meeting of the calendar year to select officers for 2008 as required by the Library Board bylaw. Viki McKinney will continue as Chairperson, Dede Alspaugh is now the Vice-Chairperson and will continue as Liaison to the Friends of the Library. Brian Pixley became Secretary to the Board.

d. Director Brewer gave a brief overview of Library accomplishments for calendar year 2007 and the work plan for 2008.

Accomplishments included:

- Celebration the Library's Centennial.
- Publication of three books written by library staff.

- Publication of the 1st edition of "Colorado Cadenza", a literary magazine including poems and short stories by local students.
- Implementation of phase one of the RFID conversion project with the assistance of more than 80 community volunteers.
- Active participation with others in the community to address homelessness including the launch of the "Community Cares" package and events in recognition of "National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness."

Scheduled for 2008:

- Completion of the RFID project around mid-year.
- Implementation of enhancements such as PC reservation, print management, and credit card payment of fines.
- Resolution of outstanding issues surrounding the Library's computer systems.
- Filling of staff vacancies and/or reorganization of staff to meet operational requirements.

e. Director Brewer suggested that new board members would benefit from a formal orientation. In the absence of member Peck, he elected to provide an overview of the Library budget, organization, and long-range plan while deferring the majority of orientation topics until the March meeting when all members could be in attendance. Mr. Brewer noted that the existing Long Range Plan, dated 1998-2007, should be reviewed and updated and he encouraged members to consider the issues and help to lay the groundwork for a new long-range plan. Brian Pixley suggested that we review the previous Long Range Plan and bring issues/topics for discussion to the March meeting. Among the preliminary topics mentioned:

- Dede Alspaugh suggested that we increase community awareness of Library services and resources through increased marketing efforts.
- Viki McKinney suggested that we explore ways to increase the perception of the Library as a community center in order to attract new Library users.
- Director Brewer mentioned the possibility of increasing synergies between the Library, public schools and other local educational organizations. Councilmember Santos inquired about feasibility of providing interlibrary loan between the Library and local public schools. Director Brewer suggested that there is ongoing outreach to the St. Vrain schools.

4. Reports and Information Items

- a. Friends of the Library Report was given by Dede Alspaugh. She reported that the Friends would engage in pre-sale scanning of donated books in order to identify high-value items and maximize benefit to the Friends.
- b. The Library Director's Report was provided by Tony Brewer. Mr. Brewer noted the passage of Library staff member Rebecca Lange on February 17, 2008, and discussed the impact her death was having on Library staff and patrons. Mr. Brewer also discussed a proposed law, presently before the state legislature,

making it illegal to allow persons under 18 years of age to view or peruse visual depictions or written descriptions deemed to be obscene in nature. Possible ramifications of the bill to library staff and patrons were discussed.

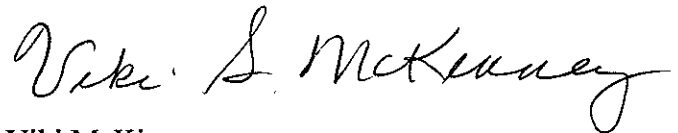
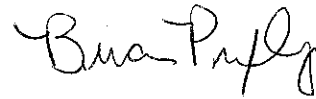
5. Library Board Comments.

Councilmember Santos proposed creating a Library staff team for the upcoming "Relay for Life" event.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m. The next meeting will be March 20, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Pixley
Secretary



Viki McKinney
Chairperson