

MINUTES
LONGMONT LIBRARY BOARD
October 18th, 2008
LONGMONT LIBRARY BOARD ROOM
409 FOURTH AVENUE

The October 18th, 2008 meeting of the Longmont Library Board was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by acting Chairperson Dede Alspaugh.

1. Roll Call
Those present were members Joan Peck, Dede Alspaugh, Paula Etrick and Brian Pixley, Councilmember Gabe Santos, Library Director Tony Brewer and Administrative Analyst Linda Murchison.
2. Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the August 2008 and September 2008 meetings were approved without modification.
3. Business
 - A. Judith Anderson offered a brief budget update.
 - B. Recruiting for a new Library Board member was discussed. Member Alspaugh's term is coming to a close and she has elected not to reapply for the position.
 - C. Judith Anderson discussed several ideas supporting an increased community awareness of the Library's resources and services. She indicated that the Library's web site is one of the city's most active sites. She mentioned the possibility of adding Blogs as well as FaceBook and MySpace pages in order to reach a broader audience, including the difficult to reach young adult population. Member Alspaugh asked about staff support for these activities; Director Anderson suggested that the Library would attempt to develop these outreach programs using existing staff. She also suggested that setting up a library presence on external websites would require city approval. Director Anderson discussed the "community center concept" where the Library continues to build a presence beyond books.
 - D. The Board reviewed Chapter 6 of the Long Range Plan 1998-2007 regarding staffing.
 - E. Director Anderson discussed the privacy of user records in the context of state and federal laws.
4. Reports and Information items
 - A. The Friends of the Library Report was presented by Dede Alspaugh.

Member Alspaugh reported that the Friends of the Library (FOL) have formed a committee to plan the "Light a Candle" program. The FOL have voted to appropriate funds for liability insurance and will evaluate providers and purchase coverage in the coming months. Icontact.com has been adopted to facilitate newsletter publishing and to enlist member participation in FOL activities.

B. Library Director's Report

Director Anderson suggested that Library usage has increased markedly during the economic downturn, mirroring a trend seen nationwide. She updated the Board on recent hiring activities and suggested that the Library's web catalog software has been updated, opening the possibility for some exciting new developments.

5. Library Board Comments

Gabe Santos shared a picture of his lovely daughter Isabel Maye who was born in September. Congratulations to Gabe and his wife Vicki!

6. The Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.. The next meeting will be on November 20, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Pixley
Secretary

Viki McKinney
Chairperson