

MINUTES
LONGMONT LIBRARY BOARD
MARCH 20, 2008
LONGMONT LIBRARY BOARD ROOM
409 FOURTH AVENUE

The meeting of the Longmont Library Board was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairperson Viki McKinney.

1. Roll Call

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

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 2008 were approved with minor modifications to include each posting location for the Library Board agenda.

3. Business

A. Member Joan Peck was welcomed to the Board.

B. Director Brewer continued his orientation to the board. Topics covered at this meeting included:

i. The four principles of public libraries:

- First Amendment considerations including freedom of speech and the right to peaceably assemble, the Library as a limited public forum, and an overview of related controversies.
- Patron Confidentiality including a historical background of relevant case law and controversies as they pertain to Public Libraries.
- "Free Libraries"....including access to information without regard to economic status and controversies such as charging for programs and basic vs. non-basic services.
- Neutrality: avoiding the appearance of endorsing, supporting, or encouraging a particular religious, political, social or business viewpoint.

ii. Director Brewer led a discussion about the relationships between the Library, the Library Board, and the Friends of the Library. This discussion included Library governance, the Library Board composition and bylaws, and the role of the Board as an advisory body to the Longmont City Council.

iii. Director Brewer led the Board members on a tour of the library.

4. Reports and Information Items.

- A. The Friends of the Library Report was submitted by Dede Alspaugh and briefly discussed by the Board.
- B. The Library Director's report was minimal owing to the length and complexity of the aforementioned orientation activities.

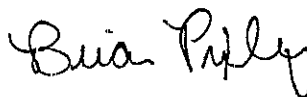
5. Library Board Comments.

Members of the board expressed appreciation to Director Brewer for the ongoing orientation activities.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next meeting will be on April 17th, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Pixley
Secretary



Viki McKinney
Chairperson

