

MINUTES
LONGMONT LIBRARY BOARD
LONGMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD ROOM
409 FOURTH AVENUE
THURSDAY, November 19, 2009
7:00 P.M.

The November 19, 2009, meeting of the Longmont Library Board was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairperson Viki McKinney.

1. Those present were members Joan Peck, Paula Watkins, Genny Michael, and Viki McKinney; Library Director Judith Anderson and Gabe Santos, Former Council Liaison. Absent: Member Nancy Carter and Administrative Analyst Linda Murchison.
2. Approval of minutes
The minutes of the October 15, 2009 were approved as written.
3. Business
 - a. The Council Liaison to the Library Board will be determined at the next regular session on December 8th.
 - b. Director Anderson reviewed the report with the Board, members will take time to study the report and bring questions to the next Board meeting in December.
 - c. The Board was pleased to see 5 applications from very qualified candidates.
 - d. Member Joan Peck will attend Library Board Interviews on December 5th.
4. Reports and information items
 - a. Friends of the Library Report.
Director Anderson reported that the Friends continue to do well in their book sales. They are organizing volunteers to assist with the Light a Candle fundraiser that begins winter celebrating on December 5th. The Friends approved funding for the Children's and Teens break programs, Teen Gaming Day, the purchase of DVDs from the Teaching Company and the purchase of supplies for Read Across America program celebrating Dr Seuss' birthday in March.
 - b. Library Director's report included:
 - The Community Services Department will be providing information to The Longmont Ledger on services and programs on a weekly basis.
 - The backpacks and book bags for the new Book Packs and CATS TALES (Storytime kits) have been designed and being readied for circulation.
 - Aurora Public Library's general improvement district tax was defeated in the last election.
 - Sirsi Dynix has indicated that there is no "end of life" date for their catalog software. The company will continue to provide support.
 - Fine payments may be made at a coin box at the self check station; payments by credit card at self check and via the Internet will be operational soon.

- Sales tax revenues for September were down.
- No word has been received yet on the Broad Band grant proposal or the Praxair Foundation request.
- The Launch Party for *On a Dark, Dark Night* by Sara Pierce and illustrated by Becca Lange and Ellen Schultz will be held on December 2nd from 4:00-6:00p.m. in the Library Meeting Rooms.

5. There were no public comments.

6. Library Board comments

Member Watkins complimented the Director, the Library Supervisors and Staff on their work on the alignment and their diligence in examining all options. The Board asked that their appreciation be shared with the staff.

Member Peck shared a suggestion from the public that the Library staff or Friends look into a way to allow the public to make monetary contributions in support of the Books in a Bag program – perhaps considering a “Friends of Books in a Bag” subgroup.

Member Watkins requested that the Friends consider making book bags available for sale at the book sale events.

Council Member Santos expressed his thanks to the Board for their work this year and wished everyone well in their future endeavors.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Anderson,
Secretary Pro Tem

Viki McKinney,
Chair