

February 14, 2008
Distribution Center, Wenatchee

The February meeting of the Board of Trustees of the North Central Regional Library was called to order by Chair Lynn Beltz. Board members Jim Brucker, Ruth Honey, Roger Lucas, Alec McKay, Deborah Moore and Barbara Wolff were present. Library Director Dean Marney, Director of Public Services Dan Howard, Associate Director Marilyn Neumiller, Payroll/Purchasing Manager Dixie Taylor, and Children's Services Manager Toni Hardy were also present.

The agenda and minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

A financial report including revolving fund expenditures, fund balances, a listing of bills to be paid, and payroll was presented to the trustees. Fund balances at the Chelan County Treasurer's Office as of January 31st were reported: General Fund, \$6,224,669.95; Automation Fund, \$406,481.29; Service Center Facility Fund, \$432,515.20; Payroll Emergency Fund, \$1,004,810.94; and Endowment Funds, \$470,984.05.

After review and discussion of financial reports and Revolving Fund expenditures, Brucker moved that vouchers #50472 through #50591 in the amount of \$421,583.98 and payroll in the amount of \$249,571.08 be approved for payment. Moore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. After review and discussion of Designated Funds expenditures, Honey moved that voucher #0095 in the amount of \$197.22 be approved for payment. Moore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. After review and discussion of Endowment Funds expenditures, Brucker moved that vouchers #0037 through #0039 in the amount of \$2,525.46 be approved for payment. Moore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Director's Report included audit, personnel, legislation, services and buildings. A copy of the 2004-2005 Final Audit Report was given to members for their review. Claire Kirkpatrick, Grand Coulee Librarian, has resigned due to moving from the area. HB 3352 exempting public libraries from paying sales tax on books and other library media has been introduced due to the efforts of Deborah Moore. The bill requiring election of library trustees has died. Fourth quarter tabulations for the Balanced Scorecard were reviewed. Sno-Isle has made inquiries regarding NCRL servicing their Darrington area while their branch is temporarily closed. A draft of building use guidelines was distributed for review. The "Library Dragon" wall hanging, is finished and on display. An additional heater has been added to the South Garage. The ceiling in the sort area has been finished. An article from "The Wenatchee World" regarding the filtering case was distributed.

Howard presented his February Branch Report. The Big Read in Bridgeport, designed to get the entire town to read "Call of the Wild" has begun. Mail Order Library circulation figures show a 23% increase. Bookmarks promoting Community Choice are being included in order, and, in return, the library's services will be promoted by Community Choice. Training included Every Child Ready to Read, Stress Reduction, and Information Literacy. The One Book Program, featuring "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian", will

include a program in Wenatchee with Sherman Alexie, author and National Book Award winner.

The Automation Report presented by Neumiller included on-line inventory of all computers in the branch libraries in preparation for eligibility for Gates Foundation grants. E-rate applications have been submitted for the 2008-2009 funding year. E-mail training programs were held in Twisp and Omak and included managing public access computers. Technology Tuesdays continue to draw six to ten attendees each month.

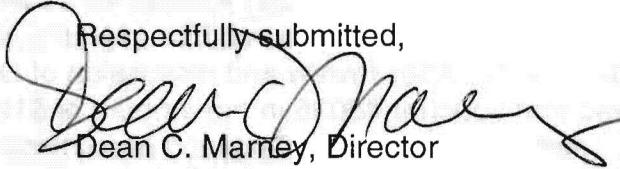
Executive Session to discuss filtering litigation was called at 1:57 p.m. After discussion, the regular meeting reconvened at 2:41 p.m.

Progress on the mobile library unit was discussed. The unit and books to stock the unit have been ordered. Scheduling and schools to be visited are being reviewed. Grants to help fund the project have been explored with some positive responses. Graphic artists will be interviewed and asked to submit designs for the Trustee's approval.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for March 13, 2008 at the Distribution Center in Wenatchee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Dean C. Marney, Director

Lynn Beltz, Chairperson