

Bellevue Library Board Minutes

April 21, 2015

Present:

Board: Judy Bailey, Chad Davis, Cris Dreher, Alice Lee, Barbara Spindel
Loretta Lopez, Peter Maxim
KCLS: Debra Westwood, Amy Egger
Guests: Faiz Kass-Elias (Bellevue Friends of the Library)
Vandana Slatter

President, Judy Bailey called the meeting to order at 5:03PM

The minutes from March were approved as amended.

It was clarified that the Library Board listing is correct on the City of Bellevue website but the information for the Bellevue Library and the Newport Way Library web site need to be updated.

A copy of the KCLS “2014 Year in Review” document was given to each member.

Amy and Debi outlined KCLS’ fresh approach to developing operational objectives that support the five strategic goals:

- Facilitate Early Literacy and Cultivate Young Readers
- Engage and Support Teens and Children
- Encourage Lifelong Learning
- Provide Personalized Information Access and Assistance
- Reach and Engage the County’s Culturally Diverse Population

The budget this year is tailored around the 5 goals and their objectives. Amy gave as an example that in order to satisfy the goal to be out in the community the budget needed to support bringing in more substitutes to keep the branches adequately staffed.

There were handouts and discussion centered around Program and Service Statistics for the Bellevue, Crossroads and Lake Hills Cluster as well as for the Mercer Island, Newcastle and Newport Way cluster. Community Analysis was discussed as being helpful in determining the needs of the community because those that come into the library don’t necessarily represent the entire community. KCLS is trying to focus on those we are not serving. Amy said that it was important to let new initiatives run for 6 months to a year before doing assessments. The MI/NC/NW cluster is in its second year under the new service development plan and is getting ready to refresh the community assessment. Staff survey participants before a program and then again after the program is completed.

Loretta introduced guest Vandana Slatter who is running for City Council again this year. Vandana gave us some background information about herself and why she was running for office.

When asked if there was a new theme for 2016 to replace the current “Mind Matters”, Debi said that the theme has not yet been set.

Faiz asked if there was a possibility for public input with respect to programming in the library. A survey about programming is done every 5 years.

Nominations for officers for election at the May meeting were made as follows:

President: Judy Bailey & Cris Dreyer

Vice Pres: Barbara Spindel

Secretary: Loretta Lopez

New officers assume their duties at the June meeting.

At the May meeting there will be a preview of the summer reading program. Barbara asked if at a future meeting we could have a discussion of our Board and its relationship with the City. It was agreed to do that at a future time.

Cris commented on the great success of the Global Reading Challenge program and commended the continued good showing of the Bellevue schools.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Spindel

Next meeting May 19, 2015

Lake Hills Library

5PM