

Bellevue Library Board Minutes

January 20, 2015

Present:

Board: Judy Bailey, Chad Davis, Cris Dreher, Alice Lee, Barbara Spindel

Absent: Loretta Lopez, Peter Maxim

KCLS: Debra Westwood, Jennifer Wiseman

Guests: Tricia Morehouse-Miller

President, Judy Bailey called the meeting to order at 5:03PM and introduced Jennifer Wiseman, KCLS Project Manager- Public Services, who presented a review of the KCLS Library Board Forum meeting of November 5th. Jennifer said she would send us all copies of the power point presentation “BEST IN SHOW – Highlights of Successful Library Advisory Board Efforts in 2014” The topics covered were:

Promotion through Facebook, Community Outreach, Raising Community Awareness, Encouraging Reading in the Community, Board Revitalization Efforts, Board Recruitment Efforts, Gaining Knowledge via Training, Ideas Under Exploration, Community Mapping and a Small Group Exercise.

We repeated the group exercise of mapping community assets which could fall roughly into four categories – Political, Economic, Social & Cultural and Technical. Jennifer completed the exercise at 5:40PM and the plan was to do follow-up on the presentation at the February meeting.

The minutes from November were approved as written.

Judy reported that Peter Maxim has not yet completed the Open Public Meetings Act training but will have it done by the February meeting.

We received an updated 2015 meeting schedule, Newport Way Library program updates and Circulation Statistics for December 2014. This year’s KCLS theme for programming will be “Mind Matters”, focusing on keeping the mind stimulated.

Bellevue Friends have dropped their subscription to “Book Page” and are advertising in the Bellevue Reporter. There is a KCLS staff person (Darcy) who does a regular library update column in the Bellevue Reporter.

Tricia asked if there was a way to break out circulation of e-books by library. Answer from Debi was no but that there is a new snapshot feature coming that will show where library users are turning in the community.

Alice asked if there were statistics regarding participation in the KCLS programs for the “Place at the Table” and “Start to Fitness” initiatives in 2013 and 2014. Debi did not have any data in hand but was able to answer Alice’s additional question about why the “Fiestas” program was canceled. Debi explained that it had been wrapped under another umbrella i.e. the “Play and Learn” program which is how the Chinese language program is run. Debi reported that they had done a condensed Fiestas program at a school rather than at a library and it was well received. The plan is to repeat that effort in Lake Hills.

Alice also asked for an update regarding a recent incident with a child inadvertently viewing pornography on a library computer screen. Debi said that as far as she knows, there will be no changes in KCLS policy.

Cris asked if there were any updates regarding the parking garage. Debi said that the watering system had malfunctioned again but was being repaired. Everything appeared to be running smoothly with the biggest problem poor driving. Debi was not sure if the number of parking tickets had increased or decreased but said she would check and let us know. She said there was perhaps 1 complaint per month.

There will be 2 food truck rodeos this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Spindel

Next meeting: February 17, 2015 “Effective Advocacy for Library Advisory Boards”
Lake Hills Library