

Minutes of Bellevue Library Board Meeting  
May 17, 2011

Board Present: Judy Bailey, Alice Tow, Andrew Peabody, Loretta Lopez, Robin Rothschild, Chiho Lai

Board Absent: Peter Maxim

Staff Present: Wendy Pender, Bill Ptacek, Debi Westwood

Guest: Kathy Brown, Jeanne Thorsen

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm. Previous minutes were approved.

The KCLS Foundation was created in 1991 with bonds that were passed in 1988. The foundation provides advocacy and support to KCLS. Today, they use about \$600K to fund many basic programs including Fiestas for Spanish speaking caregivers, Libraries to Go Vans, Ready Set Read, Summer Reading Programs, Take Time to Read, Study Zones, Global Reading Challenge, etc...

They raise funds through direct mail, corporate giving, Literary Lions Gala, and selling books that are withdrawn from the library system. They will be discussing future projects at the June 10<sup>th</sup> KCLS Board retreat.

The foundation is set up for receiving grants and gifts. Gifts can be designated to a particular library. There are 4 full time staff members.

Bill introduced the new Bellevue Library Cluster Manager, Debi. She is the former cluster librarian for Kirkland and Redmond libraries. She previously worked at the Seattle Public Library for 20 years and lived in the Lake Hills area for over two decades.

The city of Bellevue will issue a garage report on May 26<sup>th</sup>. If no appeal is made by June 9<sup>th</sup>, then KCLS will receive the green light to get started on the bidding process for the parking garage. If the appeal process starts, it may add an extra year to the schedule.

Newport Library has started the process of annexation with the gathering of signatures. Loretta will contact Jennifer on any annexation updates. When Newport library re-opened, it lifted the load off of Lake Hills library.

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, the staff will have a safety meeting with a system wide earthquake drill.

At this Thursday's annual Friend's meeting, they will elect Robin for president.

Election results: Loretta for president, Andrew for vice president and Alice for secretary.

Next meeting will be at Bellevue Library on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 5pm. Loretta will check with Rebecca to see if the conference room space is still available at Bellevue. The topic will be the KCLS summer reading program.

Meeting adjourned at 5:57pm