

**MINUTES**  
**MONTHLY MEETING OF WOODBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

**DATE** July 9, 2008

**ROLL CALL:** Mary Chadwick – Present Willis Grafe - Present  
Neal Hawes – Present Nancy Kirksey - Present  
Phyllis McKean - Present JD Mitchoff - Present

**STAFF PRESENT:**  
Anna Stavinoha, Library Manager  
Vicki Musser, Recording Secretary  
Sandy Kinney, Library Program Coordinator/Security Monitor

**GUESTS:** None.

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Nancy Kirksey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The minutes of April 9, 2008 were read aloud and approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Report: Sandy Kinney, Library Program Coordinator, reported on Music in the Park, as well as recent adult library programs and the Woodburn Berry Museum. Sandy finds bands for Music in the Park, schedules speakers on a variety of topics at the library, and schedules volunteers for the Museum, among her many other duties.

Sandy gave a Power Point presentation to the Board on Music in the Park, which has been a popular library concert series for years. Both national and local bands come to play, and Sandy is always on the lookout for fresh talent.

There have been two concerts this summer, so far, with about 400 in attendance at the first concert, and 500 in the second. Next week's concert will feature Golden Bough, a famous Celtic band, who is returning for a repeat performance at Library Park. Sandy expects great weather over the summer, and invites everyone to come to the concerts. The library is very fortunate in having such wonderful support from the community. Local merchants give donations to the

Friends of the Library, which pay for the concert series, and WAASP (Woodburn Area Association of Senior Programs) have donated generously towards professional sound, which traditionally had been a problem. Good sound has increased the quality of the concerts tremendously. People come from the coast, from Salem, Portland, Oregon City and other places to attend the concerts.

The concerts start at 7 pm, and are a lot of fun.

Donations can be made out to the Friends of the Library to help support Music in the Park, or attendees at the concerts can put a donation in the jar labeled specifically for that purpose at each concert.

The library also has a variety of adult programs directed to different segments of the City population. Just in the last year, Dr Alison Stenger, the lead investigating archeologist at the Woodburn Archeological Dig, gave us an update on what's been found at the dig site. Amazing finds have been discovered – such as a very large dinosaur bird, with the wingspan of over 5 feet and had never been seen before. Dr Richard Morris, an expert on the Old Believer culture, came with his wife, who is from Russia, and gave an excellent bi-lingual talk. Recently, the history of Woodburn was presented in story and song. This was a delightful presentation, and may be repeated at some future date. In addition, musical programs are given during the year. Golden Bough returned last December and gave a Christmas concert. Classical guitarist Peter Gallagher came and gave an excellent performance. Annually, there is a Poetry Month celebration. There is a lot of adult programming here at the library, and we are constantly trying to find new events that will interest people and bring them into the library.

The Woodburn Historic Berry Museum is a treasure. It is located on Front Street, and a group of volunteers have spent years gathering together the history of the town, such as old photographs and lovely displays about the different aspects of the community. There are displays about agriculture, the timber industry, and the old newspaper printing press. The Bungalow theatre is adjacent to the museum, and the ancient projector still works. New volunteers are always needed, and anyone interested can contact Sandy.

Currently, the Museum is under construction. The back wall is being rebuilt. The work should be done by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Currently, the Museum is only open on Saturday during June and July, but it is hoped that they'll be able to open two days a week in August.

Volunteers are also welcome at the library.

Nancy Kirksey noted that next year is the 120<sup>th</sup> birthday of Woodburn, and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Oregon. We need to do something special to commemorate these dates.

Monthly Statistics: Anna reported that the statistics are up in several sections. This is attributed to the Summer Reading program. We have two days recently when the library recorded count of over 1400 people. The library is quite busy in the summer. In June, there were 16 different children's programs, and over 2,024 people attended them.

Other statistics remain stable.

Libraries are the foundation of education, and they may become more and more popular as gas becomes more expensive. Books on CD and MP3 are increasingly popular.

Activities: There are many activities at the library. The Music in the Park series continues throughout July and August. Tuesday Night Crafts are offered before the beginning of each concert. Library Storytime and Toddler Storytime are held each week on Tuesday and Wednesday, and Saturday at the Library is a regular weekly event. Third Thursday Teens is still meeting on the third Thursday of each month.

Volunteer of the Month: There are three volunteers who have been named Volunteers of the Month. Alfreda Fackrell, and her daughters Kelsey and Kristen, have been faithfully volunteering for a long time. Alfreda began volunteering at the library in May, 2003. Soon Kelsey and Kristen began to volunteer as well. Every Saturday the three of them process the weekend holds. We are honored to name Alfreda, Kelsey and Kristen Fackrell as our Volunteers of the Month.

Friends of the Library: Neal Hawes reported that the April book sale netted \$454. The Friends have signed up with a book selling service, *Once Sold Tales*, who will pick up books we haven't been able to move, and to sell online, and will give us a percentage.

There is a new Friends administration, with Neal being the President, Willis Grafe as Vice-President, Judy Spence as Treasurer and Ida Braden as Secretary.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**Carpet Installation:** Money has been approved by the City for new carpet, to be installed on the first floor of the library. It will be installed around the holidays in December, since that's traditionally the slowest time. All of the books, furniture and shelving will need to be moved. The carpeting will be modular blocks, which can be easily replaced as needed. Maintenance is going to check for any leaks in the ceiling, to circumvent future problems.

**Librarian Part-time Position:** There is a 12 hour reference librarian position that needs to be filled. The Budget Committee decided to fund a 12 hour position this year, instead of the 19 hours we requested. There will be no dramatic decrease in the level of service we are able to offer.

**Friends Book Store Update:** There has been some discussion about installing a book store, possibly set up in the Oregon Room, which is located on the first floor in the back. Another idea is to use the upstairs Research Room, since it has shelves already in place. However, it isn't really in the ordinary traffic pattern, and it was decided to wait to make any permanent decision until after the new carpeting is installed.

## NEW BUSINESS:

The library applied for, and was awarded, a \$6,000 Big Read grant. The Woodburn Library is the only library in Oregon to receive this grant. The grant will pay for a number of copies of the book, *Bless Me Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya, in both English and Spanish, to hand out to the Woodburn community. All during October, 2008, there will be a number of activities surrounding the book, including a kick-off in the Plaza by the mayor and a mariachi band, book discussions, poetry offerings, video showings and a phone or radio interview with the author. Other events are still being planned.

The Oregon Reads Grant has given us 45 copies of the book *Stubborn Twig* by Lauren Kessler. Oregon Reads' goal is to encourage people to read books written by Oregon authors.

**Homebound Services:** A woman expressed her appreciation to one of the Library Board members for the excellent homebound services that the Library provides, and asked that her words of praise be expressed to both the Board and the library. Anna will let Christine know, since she's in charge of Homebound Services.

**BUSINESS TO/FROM THE** None.  
**CITY COUNCIL AND/OR**  
**MAYOR:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Musser