

Vista Grande Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2005

In Attendance: Jeanne Scripps; Todd Handy; Jack Abernethy; Steven Rosenthal; Irene Jackson; Diane Gulseth; Pete Forbes; Amber Haskell, and Susan Sheldon, Library Director.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00, and a motion was made and seconded (Amber/Pete) to approve the October minutes.

Librarian's Report

Susan reported that she would attend a meeting of Rural Librarians on Wednesday. She then discussed the book sale and the need for volunteers and folding tables. Currently all the books are in three units at Eldorado Storage, and are now being sorted. On Friday, volunteers will take them all to the school, where we will have from 1 PM to set up. Susan asked the attendees to distribute flyers for the sale.

Other items included problems with the computers, which has resulted in no Internet service and no external access to the Library catalog. Jaime Michael and La Canada are trying to find the problem. Youth Services librarian Janice Weisberg has left, but not before organizing a very well-attended and successful Halloween party. A search for her replacement will be postponed until next year. VGPL now has 4,000 patrons in the database. Louisa continues to oversee the volunteer program. The VGPL Web site needs a complete overhaul, and suggestions are welcome. [See handout for complete report.]

Treasurer's Report

Steve had no handout but reported that after paying bills, VGPL has about \$8K less than it had last month, but that it is not too far off last year's figures.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive

No report.

Development

No report.

Facilities

Jack's report [see handout] contained the following: The drip system has been turned off for the winter; he has located a vendor for exterior sprinkler system hose attachments after consulting the fire department; the county inspected the heating and a/c system and will review the original specs to see why economizers were not installed; jack has had no luck with the school district administration and will resend his letters with Return Receipt Requested; there is now a lock box so the fire department can have access in case of emergency; Jack ordered a solar-powered flag light, which should arrive in two weeks. It cost \$165.

Program

No report, but there will be a December program: Larry Sturdivan will discuss his new book, "JFK Myths."

Community Relations

Irene reported that there was a 1/4-page book-sale ad in Sunday's paper and there will be a smaller one in Friday's paper. In addition, Susan mentioned, Wednesday's Eldorado section will feature the volunteers of VGPL as they work on preparing for the book sale.

Information Systems

Todd reported that he is still waiting for Gateway to pick up their two faulty computers. Also, Follett is not compatible with an advanced version of Windows. Todd also is waiting for the county money to purchase additional hardware and a list of what hardware we need. A discussion on how hard it is getting a response from the county ensued.

Nominating

Amber reported that she and Lynne have been focusing on finding potential board members with useful skills. Amber is particularly looking for those with writing and marketing skills and people active in the education system.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Diane reported that an anonymous donor will make a restricted donation to pay for a marquee. Jack will review and update his estimates. A motion was made and seconded (Todd/Pete) to accept the restricted donation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Jackson