

Present: Jeff Bertuleit (City Council member, substituting for Terry Obteshka), Rebecca Cohen, Curt Fewkes, Carol Fisher, Richard Kilbride, Cindy McConnell, Wyma Rogers, Carol Ruggeri; Jennifer Keirans as note-taker.

Ruggeri called the meeting to order at 5:15.

Librarian's Report: Presented by Rogers

Newport Reads: The kickoff program on March 6 was a success. Thursday's teen movie night ties in with Newport Reads, and *Ender's Game* is circulating well.

Bridges to Literacy: Cohen accompanied author Rick Steber to the schools and to a program here at the library. Last month, Linda Crew also gave programs as part of this program. Costs for Bridges are under budget this year (mostly because the program has called upon local authors); Cohen predicts this will be true next year as well, for the same reason.

Bylaws: Rogers explained that all city-appointed committees have been asked to create and follow bylaws. The library board has never had bylaws before. Rogers presented the bylaws that she has drawn up, and that city attorney Gary Firestone has approved; the Board will vote on these later in this meeting. Rogers also showed the group the Procedures for Small Boards in Robert's Rules; the library board is already (comfortingly) following these.

City Council Goal Setting: Rogers will present a list of accomplishments, and two chief goals, to the City Council, who will then prioritize all the departments' goals. The library's chief goal is to improve security: Rogers is asking for improved lighting outside the library, a person to staff the children's desk at all times, and improved options for materials security. The lighting is the only request for next year's budget.

Budget Requests: Rogers shows the Library's budget requests. Note that this is not the final budget; this is what the library is requesting for the coming financial year. Kilbride had a few questions - he particularly thought that the drop in unemployment insurance and workers' compensation insurance was steep. Rogers admits that finance draws up the projections for those, and agreed to double-check the numbers.

National Library Week: Rogers will be presenting during National Library Week to the City Council on April 7; all members of the Board are invited to that meeting.

OLA/WLA: for the first time in several years, the library is able to send staff to the Oregon Library Association convention, which this year is combined with the Washington Library Association and held in Vancouver from April 16-19.

Proposed bylaws:

Unanimously accepted by the board.

Proposed revision to mission statement:

Unanimously accepted by the board.

Proposed policy for Study Room:

Unanimously accepted by the board.

There was no other business, and so the meeting adjourned at 6:20.