

Newport Public Library Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Present: Chip Norman, Sharon Beardsley, Richard Beemer, Ted Smith, and Curt Fewkes.

Vice President Chip Norman called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes: It was moved by Sharon Beardsley and seconded by Curt Fewkes that minutes of the previous meeting be approved; the motion passed by a voice vote.

Librarian's Report: Ted Smith handed out the Librarian's Report and several spreadsheets. He discussed developments in the library automation system replacement and formation of a new consortium, and responded to questions from board members.

- Tillamook, Driftwood, and Newport vetted 3 ILS's and chose Innovative Interfaces as the new system.
- City Manager Voetberg has been apprised.
- 4 libraries are not on board: Oregon Coast Community College, Toledo, Waldport, and Siletz. They are considering forming a separate network, although the college is also considering joining an academic network instead. They may also look to Florence or Corvallis.
- The small libraries still hope to convince Newport to join with them rather than Tillamook.
- Tillamook plans to add libraries to the new system one or two at a time, in order to ease the learning curve for their IT Department.
- Innovative Interfaces will have all of the peripheral equipment and take care of 90% of maintenance & troubleshooting.
- Ted plans to meet with all libraries next month.
- CRSN costs \$68K-\$72K annually, while the new system should cost \$36K or less, depending on number of participants.
- If the costs must be paid in the current fiscal year, Newport Library may borrow money from the Library Foundation which would be paid back at the start of the fiscal year starting July 2012.
- If the costs can be put off until July 2012, no loan will be needed.
- Ted Smith means to put savings from the revamped consortium towards the collection development budget, which has been severely cut in the past two years.

Ted Smith hypothesized that a slight fall in circulation (4%) may be due to a lack of new materials caused by budget cuts, but said nineteen or twenty thousand patrons come through the door each month.

Other Business: Sharon Beardsley will be teaching a class this semester on Wednesday evenings, and thus will be unable to attend Library Foundation & Board meetings in October and November.

Vice President Chip Norman adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.