

Newport Library Board Meeting

September 3, 2014

Present: Evonne Mochon Collura, Ted Smith, Carol Ruggeri, Autumn Belloni, Gretchen Havner, Laura Swanson, Alice MacGougan (recorder)

Meeting called to order at 5:19

Minutes from the July 9th meeting approved.

Librarian's Report (attached)

Angell Job Corps students can paint the library and perhaps construct the new downstairs study room as part of their program.

Smith met with the other Oceanbooks directors. Ruggeri asked if there is a chance the Chinook system might be interested in joining Oceanbooks, but it seems unlikely due to monetary issues.

Sharon Scarborough has joined the library staff to replace Mary Banvard. Sharon will be working 12 hours a week.

Swanson asked about the 9 cent option tax renewal coming up for a vote in November. Smith explained what is at stake. Swanson also asked about the K9 unit go through the library. It has not happened yet, but it's in the works. Smith would like to make the library a drug-free zone that is occasionally patrolled by drug dogs.

Discussion

The architects are creating three options for a new teen room. Prevailing wages will need to be paid for all work that comes above \$50k. This may result in delays and higher costs, but hopefully not significantly so. Smith has ordered new furniture. On September 11, a consultant working on behalf of both the Ford Foundation and the Meyer Family Trust will come in to tour the library and interview Smith.

The current teen room has moved downstairs is quite popular. The face-out displays seem to be bumping up the teen circulation stats.

The next Library Foundation meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 8th.

Linda Kilbride is working with Smith to identify possible donors. Everyone on the Library Foundation has signed up for a committee. A brief discussion of furniture for the children's area.

Meeting adjourned at 5:53