

Newport Public Library Board Meeting

July 21, 2010

Minutes

Present: Curt Fewkes, Cindy McConnell, Chip Norman, Terry Obteshka, Carol Ruggeri, Ted Smith.

Also present was Dave Morgan, of LincolnCountyToday.com.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Cindy McConnell.
2. **Minutes:** It was moved by Carol Ruggeri and seconded by Chip Norman that the minutes of the May 19, 2010 meeting be approved as presented; the motion carried by voice vote, and the minutes were approved.
3. **Report on Downloadable Materials:** Ted Smith presented a report including statistics on downloadable materials, which had been requested by Curt Fewkes at the May 2010 meeting. Smith apologized that the statistics can't be broken down by library, but includes all libraries in the consortium. Smith noted that e-book downloads represented 17% of total downloadable materials for the month of June 2010. According to Smith, it had been suggested that cutting the Library-To-Go subscription might be considered as part of the general cost-cutting, but he pointed out that re-establishing the program, which now costs \$7,000 per year for the entire consortium, would be very expensive. Dave Morgan asked Smith about the impact of e-books on traditional publisher, and Smith characterized the impact as "profound" and "scary."
4. **Change in Interlibrary Loan Fees:** Smith asked the Board to consider raising ILL fees from \$1.00 to \$3.00, to offset postage costs and discourage frivolous requests. Ruggeri moved, and Fewkes seconded, a motion to approve the fee increase. The motion passed by voice vote.
5. **Librarian's Report:** Smith submitted the Librarian's Report as an addendum to the agenda. He reported that over 40 library books had been found in a homeless person's camp near the library, and 6 of the books were damaged beyond repair. Ruggeri asked if the board should try to move ahead with purchase of a security system, and Smith suggested that the library complete an inventory, which will be somewhat time-consuming, first.

Smith also noted that the Summer Reading Club Programs have been a great success; the Wednesday programs have been very well attended.

Smith submitted a circulation report which shows continued increases .

Other Business: Fewkes asked when the board officers are elected, and Smith suggested that the election be held at the September meeting, to which all agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Hawkes

