

## Wolfner Advisory Council

March 18, 2011

### Minutes

**Members Present:** Wilma Chestnut, Melinda Cook, Denise Cope, Mary Dingus, Mildred Eads, Dan Flasar, Russell McCampbell, Zeze Miller, DeAnna Noriega, Alicia Starner

**Staff Present:** Margaret Conroy, Natalie Junkin, Richard Smith, Deborah Stroup, Velma Steinman, Diann Stark

**Members Absent:** Terrie Arnold, Mandy Dovin, Raymond (Chip) Hailey

**Guest:** Daisy Starner, driver for Alicia Starner

Flasar called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Council members and guest were introduced. Smith introduced Natalie Junkin, Special Services Librarian. She replaces Lisa Stamm who resigned.

#### Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2010

Flasar called for a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Flasar stated his name was not listed as attending the meeting. Steinman said this had been corrected. Eads so moved. McCampbell seconded. Motion carried.

#### State Librarian's Report – Margaret Conroy, State Librarian

Conroy gave a brief update of the State Library's activities. The State Library is working with the Missouri State Archives in putting up a Civil War portal on the Missouri Digital Heritage website.

With regards to the budget, Conroy said the Secretary of State's Office may receive a 5% budget cut for FY 12. Jobs which were temporarily held open may be permanently frozen and not filled. Wolfner's Public Service Manager position is on the hold open list. The proposed reduction is not expected to affect current staff.

Senator Rob Mayer presented a bill which would allow libraries in his district to have the option to ask voters to pass a sales tax to provide funding to libraries, in addition to the property tax. This is the third year a similar bill has been filed. Senator Jane Cunningham has also re-filed her bill which would require libraries to segregate materials that are deemed pornographic for minors or post a sign saying that the library contains harmful content. The bill was assigned to Cunningham's committee but has not been placed on the hearing calendar.

McCampbell asked for an update on the Advisory Committee for revising the NLS Standards, on which Conroy is a member. Conroy replied there will be a joint meeting of the advisory and working committees in May to wrap up the recommendations and present a final edition. She will have more information at the July 18 meeting.

## **Volunteer Services Update – Deborah Stroup, Wolfner Volunteer Coordinator**

Stroup said there are numerous requests for true crime books. Books currently being worked on are:

- Mobs, Mayhem and Murder
- Murder on Route Hill
- Death on Pleasant Street
- Moonflower Vine

Several series which are currently underway are:

- These Lonesome Hills, stories that were serialized in Cappers Weekly
- Finders Keepers by Catherine Palmer
- Angels of Mercy by Charlotte Hubbard

Fiddler's Ghost by Mitch Jayne has been finished

McC Campbell asked how volunteers are solicited for Wolfner. Stroup responded through various venues such as a newspaper ad in the volunteer opportunity section of the local newspaper which runs periodically, and local cable television, but the most effective way is to run ads in church bulletins.

Wolfner Library is investigating Keystone System's SHELF product as an addition to the WolfPAC catalog. SHELF will function similarly to the BARD site for locally produced titles, and Wolfner patrons will be able to download books produced by other regional libraries.

## **Director's Report – Richard Smith, Director of Wolfner Library**

The new KLAS server, which hosts WolfPAC, is currently undergoing testing and should be up and running soon.

On March 2, 2011, the Library of Congress sent out a message announcing the retirement of Frank Kurt Cylke, Director of the National Library Service effective as of February 28, 2011. Ms. Ruth Scovill will be the acting director until the position has been filled.

On March 11, 2011, Secretary Carnahan spoke at press conference held at the St. Louis School for the Blind commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of both the National Library Service and Wolfner Library. Smith played a clip from the press conference for the Council. It is available on Wolfner's Facebook site at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Wolfner-Library/174052443870>.

Wolfner Library has applied for the NLS Library of the Year award. Margaret Conroy, Missouri State Librarian nominated Wolfner for award.

## **Wolfner Library Outreach 2011 - Natalie Junkin, Special Services Librarian**

Plans are being made to attend the following events:

- “Spring Into Great Health” in April at Hidden Valley Retirement community in St. Louis
- Montgomery County Health Expo in May – Montgomery City
- Senior Expo and Health Fair in May – East Central College, Union
- Healthy Living Senior Fair in August – St. Charles
- AARP Celebration of Life in October

