

Wolfner Advisory Council

March 23, 2012

Minutes

Members Present: Wilma Chestnut, Melinda Cook, Denise Cope, Dan Flasar, Raymond “Chip” Hailey, Gretchen Maune, Russell McCampbell, Zeze Miller, DeAnna Noriega, Andrew Ormsby, Jr.

Staff Present: Margaret Conroy, Cheryl Hassler, Natalie Junkin, Elizabeth Lang, Richard Smith, Diann Stark, Velma Steinman

Members Absent: Mary Dingus, Darrel Vickers

Flasar called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Council members and staff were introduced. Two New council members, Gretchen Maune and Andrew Ormsby, Jr. were introduced. Maune and Ormsby replace Terrie Arnold and Amanda Dovin whose terms had expired.

Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2011

Flasar noted he was not listed as attending the meeting. Steinman said correction would be made to the minutes. Flasar then called for a motion to approve the minutes with the above correction.

Hailey moved to approve the minutes with the duly noted correction to be made. Chestnut seconded. Motion carried.

State Librarian’s Report – Margaret Conroy, State Librarian

For the benefit of the new council members, Conroy gave a brief background of the various divisions which make up the State Library. There are three departments in the State Library: Library Development, Reference Services and Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library.

The House of Representatives has passed the Secretary of State’s Office budget bill. The House cut State Aid for Public Libraries by \$100,000, but approved an additional \$100,000 in Athletes & Entertainers tax receipts for libraries, bringing that total to \$200,000. The REAL program was approved for full funding. The budget now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Director’s Report – Richard Smith, Director of Wolfner Library

Smith welcomed the two new Council members. He then reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the Council. This information is also located on the Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library website at: <http://www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner/council.asp>.

The National Library Service (NLS) has selected the new director, Karen Keninger, from Iowa. She will start in the position on March 26.

Smith asked the Council if e-mailing the annual report to them was the appropriate format. Council said the e-mail format is agreeable.

Smith spoke to the Victor Reader Stream policy which was sent to the Council in the meeting packet. The policy covers loss, theft, damage, and failure to return the Stream. He asked for the Council's approval of the policy. The draft policy states "individuals and institutional patrons are responsible for the replacement and/or repair of lost or damaged Stream." McCampbell said the new wording inserted to replace the phrase in the policy regarding replacement/repair should read "individuals and institutional patrons are responsible for the replacement and/or repair costs of lost or damaged Stream."

McCampbell moved to accept the Victor Stream Policy with the phrase change as indicated above. Cope seconded. Motion carried.

Mary Beth Wise was the NLS Consultant for the annual visit this year. A copy of her report and recommendations were sent in the meeting packets by e-mail to the Council. Smith read a letter he received from Ms. Wise.

The Volunteer Recognition Dinner was very well attended. The Friends of Wolfner Library annual meeting is on Saturday, April 21.

Tammy Winkelman has started work in the Circulation Department. She replaces Andrea Dennis, who was promoted to the position of Clerk I in the front office.

Adult Winter Reading Program – Diann Stark, Reader Advisor

The theme for the program this year was United States Historical Fiction. There were ten different genres with ten books each. There were ten books on a cartridge and a cartridge for each genre.

The program time frame was January 24 through March 6. Patrons had to report the number of books read by March 9. There were 72 participants. 30 reported their time by the deadline. The 1st place winner read 64 out of 100 books. The prize was an MP3 player which can download audiobooks. The 2nd place winner read 50 books and won a State of Missouri symbols afghan. The 3rd place winner read 43 books and will receive a voice recorder.

Descriptive Movies – Cheryl Hassler, Reader Advisor

Cheryl has ordered 51 new descriptive DVD titles. Patrons must navigate through the menu and select DVS for the descriptive video play. Maune recommended www.describemovies.com to view all of the descriptive videos currently available.

Summer Reading Program – Elizabeth Lang, Youth Services Librarian

The program will begin on June 11 and end on July 27. The overall theme for the program is *Night*. The teen theme is *Own the Night*, and the children's theme is *Dream Big, Read*.

This year, the participants will be signing a reading contract, which is an agreement between the participants and Elizabeth stating readers will do their best to read 'x' number of minutes each day, with a 10 minute minimum. Signing the contract is not a requirement for participation in the program.

The prizes this year have been provided with funding from the Library Development Division of the Missouri State Library and the Friends of Wolfner Library. Every participant who completes the program and turns in actual reading time will be able to choose and receive a book as a participation prize. The grand prize this year will be an iPad.

Outreach – Natalie Junkin, Special Services Librarian

In February, Natalie gave a presentation at the St. Charles City-County Library monthly meeting attended by branch managers, supervisors and administrative staff. This led to another presentation at the TechExpo sponsored by the St. Louis Regional Library Network.

Upcoming outreach events:

- Montgomery County Fair
- Senior Expo – Union, MO
- Healthy Living Senior Fair – St. Charles
- Blind Awareness Fair – St. Joseph

Wrap-up – Richard Smith

Smith reported that advertising has been reduced. State funds currently cannot be used for advertising. Out of state travel is still on hold.

A KLAS representative from Raleigh, NC will be coming to Missouri in May for two days to train the Wolfner staff on how to use the system effectively.

Other Business/Adjournment

Flasar said several meetings ago he had addressed the possibility of having alternate members for the regular Council members. Conroy said the difficulty with having alternates is that the Secretary vets every Council member, thus the alternate would need to be permanently or specifically identified. This would make it difficult to have alternates for those members not appointed as organization representatives.

Adjournment:

Flasar adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Dates of 2012 meetings:

July 20, 2012

November 9, 2012