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**SUN PRAIRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2011
5:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call
 - Hooser called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.
 - Roll Call, Present: Don Hooser, Rebecca Renk, Christine Fugelseth, Patricia Harrington, Brent Benjamin, Mike Kostelnik, Margene Anderson and Jacki Martindale.
 - Absent: Anne Kienitz
 - Also present: Tracy Herold, Ryan Hellenbrand and Margaret Powers.
2. Approval of minutes from October 13, 2011 meeting
 - Motion: to approve the October 13, 2011 minutes
 - Renk (1); Harrington (2); motion passed unanimously.
3. Bills presented for payment (To Be Distributed)
 - Motion: to approve payment of bills.
 - Anderson (1); Fugelseth (2); motion passed unanimously.
4. Citizen Appearances/Public Comment
 - Will comment during concealed carry discussion.
5. Business of Board President
 - Motion: to move discussion of a concealed carry notice in the library up in the agenda to point six (6).
 - Kostelnik (1); Martindale (2); motion passed unanimously.
6. Consideration and Discussion of concealed carry notice for the library
 - Was tabled last month to gather more information for this meeting.
 - Citizen opinions:
 - Carol Dann: provided a handout of communities who have banned concealed carry in their library and in their respective cities. Carol does not want to change the safe haven feel of the library.
 - Terry McIlroy: former hunter and has experience with handguns via the City of Sun Prairie's citizen academy class. Even after the class, Terry did not feel comfortable with handguns and does not believe it would be safe to allow those with gun permits which do not legally require training in the library. Terry also believes the library to be a safe haven and should not allow weapons.
 - Heather Dubois Bourenane: sent out emails to various people and started a discussion where everyone felt that weapons should not be allowed in the library. If weapons are prohibited in schools, why not in the library? Heather would not feel comfortable allowing her kids in the library if weapons could be present, and others have told her that they would not go to the library at all if it allowed weapons. As a frequent patron, Heather does not wish to jeopardize the current appeal of the library.
 - Jo Anna Pautsch: speaking as a homeschooler, Jo Anna comments that many home school teachers, including herself, utilize the library and consider it an extension of their educational institution.
 - Motion: to close the community input portion of the debate.
 - Renk (1); Anderson (2); motion passed unanimously.

-Tracy Herold reported her findings that many Midwest libraries have put up signs banning concealed carry. A few reported that they did not put a sign up. Reasons for not posting a sign included the unenforceability and liability issues.

-None of the emails received from the Sun Prairie community wanted to allow concealed carry.

-83% of the staff signed a petition to ban concealed carry.

-Rebecca Renk wanted to table discussion of this topic last month in order to find out what other libraries have done. Since it appears that most of them have chosen to post a sign she would also like to.

-Mike Kostelnik has not posted signs in his manufacturing businesses, and if the library were only for adults he would be opposed to putting up a sign, but since children are present it makes the situation more cloudy. The library must make the best decision in its own situation.

-Chris Fugelseth believes that if the library allowed concealed carry it would be just as safe as any other public building that currently allows it. Putting up a sign will not guarantee safety. Chris is concerned about liability issues that could come up from putting up a sign.

-Jackie Martindale understands that the federal government as well as the state of Wisconsin have moved in favor of allowing concealed carry, but since the board has jurisdiction over the library she feels that guns have no place in a library. Jackie feels we are less safe in the library with guns than without.

-Margene Anderson asked the school board and district administrator of their opinions, but they had to formally abstain since they are federally protected. Margene would like to extend the same protection that schools have to libraries since they serve a very similar purpose in promoting an informed citizenry.

-Pat Harrington comes from a hunting family and has a respect for guns. Pat believes it comes down to a moral decision and strongly believes that children and guns do not mix.

-Brent Benjamin wants the library to be a safe place but is not sure about the best way to do that. Brent poses the question: how would you feel if we posted a sign and an accident occurs that could have been prevented if someone with a permitted weapon was there.

-Motion: to post a sign banning concealed and open carry with the suggested verbiage from CVMIC.

-Harrington (1), Martindale (2); Harrington, Martindale, Hooser, Renk, Kostelnik and Anderson vote in favor while Benjamin and Fugelseth oppose. Motion passes by majority vote.

7. Staff Reports

-Automated handling has been installed. The board will have a short tour at the next meeting.

-Tracy Herold attended a Beyond the Page meeting. They want to host a public kickoff event at a library and Sun Prairie is a candidate. The date would be Friday, April 13 from 5:30-7:00pm.

-Herold plans for a staff in-service on Friday, December 16 from 8:15-12:15pm to go over automated handling, duress switch training, blood borne pathogens, fire evacuation, tornado drill, and an officer present to talk about the conduct policy.

-Elizabeth Aime's retirement party will be on Tuesday, November 15.

-Don Hooser introduces Margaret Powers, the interim city administrator, whom he holds in high regard.

8. Committee Reports

a. Finance Committee

-Met last month and made no changes.

b. Policy Committee

-The Discussion Room Policy is up for approval tonight.

-The Meeting Room and Volunteer policies have been tabled.

c. PR/Marketing Committee

-Doodle will be coming from Tracy to set up a meeting date, hopefully between Thanksgiving and the next board meeting.

d. Garden Committee

-Was not able to set up a meeting date. Will try again soon.

e. Friends

-Annual meeting will be held at 6pm on Monday, November 14.

-Frank Pennypacker was in the hospital but is home now. His term as president is coming to an end.

-Vice President Paul Mestelle will be leading the meeting.

- f. Foundation
 - Will meet next Tuesday, November 15 at 11:45pm.
 - Will discuss the Bookn' It Run's future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 9. Consideration and Discussion of Trust Fund Investment Policy
 - Motion: to table discussion of the Trust Fund Investment Policy till next board meeting.
 - Benjamin (1); Anderson (2); motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 10. Consideration and Discussion of Discussion Rooms Policy
 - Motion: to accept the Discussion Rooms Policy with amendments.
 - Harrington (1); Kostelnik (2); motion passed unanimously.
- 11. Consideration and Discussion of SCLS Agreement
 - The new agreement eliminates maintenance of effort that required the city to fund the library at a minimum of the average budget of the last three years
 - Motion: to sign and submit the new SCLS Agreement.
 - Renk (1); Fugelseth (2); motion passed unanimously.
- 12. Consideration and Discussion of Addendum to Agreement to Participate in a Shared Automated Resources System for 2012
 - Tracy Herold and staff will continue to monitor progress with KOHA and at the same time investigate alternatives. Tracy feels that by mid-2012 we will have a clear idea of whether KOHA is the way to proceed or not. We will need to provide notice by August of 2012 if we are staying with KOHA.
 - Margene Anderson brought her grievances about KOHA to the SCLS board and they did not respond in a friendly manner. Margene felt the SCLS board was not representative of the patrons using KOHA.
 - Margene will write a letter to the SCLS Board expressing her dissatisfaction with how her concerns were received.
 - Motion: to accept the Agreement to Participate in a Shared Automated Resources System for 2012.
 - Harrington (1); Anderson (2); motion passed unanimously.

REFERRALS:

- 13. Items to be referred to staff or committees for review or action.
 - Don Hooser requests that the policy committee discuss whether or not the library should allowed politically charged groups into the meeting rooms.
- 14. Adjournment
 - Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm.
 - Harrington (1); Benjamin (2); motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:
Ryan Hellenbrand, Library Secretary

Don Hooser, Library Board President: _____