

**DESCHUTES PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT**  
**Board Meeting**  
**April 19, 2006**  
**Redmond Public Library**

**ATTENDEES**

Present were Board Members Ray Miao (President), Ann Evensen (Vice-President), Beth Pearl-Gent, and George Riser. Pat Lawrence was traveling and unable to attend.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Ray Miao called the meeting to order at noon.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved by consensus.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Susan Torassa from the Redmond Advisory Council stated that she enjoyed the Board/Council meeting held on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**RESULTS POLICIES**

Educational Presentation

David McDaniels, Executive Director of Central Oregon Partnerships (COP) discussed the role of COP in addressing poverty. He stated that a goal of his agency is to avoid community segmentation into subgroups. The focus of COP is to address the roots of poverty rather than to provide direct services.

McDaniels focused his discussion upon the “working poor.”

- 70% of working population in Bend is below living wage
- \$7.50/hour (minimum wage, \$15,000/yr) is right at poverty level
- A significant portion of the working population are working in resorts and the retail service industry
- Transportation, healthcare, and day care costs are significant challenges for low-income families

## Trends at Redmond Library

Susan Torassa from the Redmond Advisory Council discussed community trends and activities:

- Growth continues with no end in sight.
- A number of road projects are underway. The work on the by-pass will begin in 2007.
- The City is conducting a community planning process which might lead to the development of a community center.
- Affordable housing is a problem in Redmond.
- The City is trying to hold on to “small town” feel.

Todd Dunkelberg presented an update on the Redmond Library.

- The Library Teen Council made a mural in the Teen Territory room.
- Redmond Library is an active center of the local community, with multiple events throughout the day.
- Redmond Library has been in the current building for 10 years.
- Redmond Library circulates approximately 25% of District’s total circulation – about 500,000 annually.

Dunkelberg then took board members on a tour of the Redmond Library.

## PLA Conference Debrief

Board members shared their experience and workshops from the PLA conference in Boston.

Beth Pearl-Gent: Community Building through Websites  
Wake-up Call: Customers and What They Really Want (Denver)  
Demographic research  
Branches – family oriented, educational, seniors, etc.  
Let’s Talk: Building Libraries through dialogue

George Riser: Predicting Technological Change by David Liroff  
Bilingual Prime Time – encouraging parent/child reading

Ann Evensen: Funding, Politics, & Standards. How to schmooze county commissioners  
& other local politicians  
Black Belt Librarians (head of security in Charlotte, NC). Provided  
practical ways to deal with problem patrons  
Creating a Digital Library on a Shoestring  
Tea Isn’t the Only Thing Floating in the Boston Harbor – Three local area  
mystery writers

Library Director Michael Gaston briefly discussed the following:  
Convergence of digital, broadcast, and print media  
Outcome measures  
Trends in Library Management of E-Services

Director Gaston noted that DPLS is unique in that it has stable funding, well developed management systems, a positive organizational culture, and a well developed governance structure.

Pat Lawrence will provide her input at next month's board meeting.

#### April 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting with Councils Debrief

Board members agreed that President Ray Miao did an excellent job presiding at the April 15<sup>th</sup> joint meeting with the library councils. Board members reported hearing favorable comments from the participants.

#### **EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS**

Monitoring: Financial Planning & Budgeting  
Monitoring: Financial Conditions & Activities

The board reviewed the written reports that had been included in the Board packet. Director Gaston noted that he is watching the budget closely as we near the end of the fiscal year. Ann Evensen moved that the Board finds that the District is in compliance with the Financial Planning and Budgeting and Financial Conditions & Activities Policies. George Riser seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (Lawrence absent.)

Board members agreed that the District should proceed to implement electronic signatures. The Board President and Director will approve checks by signing warrants which include check detail. The process will require some programming and may take a couple of months to implement. Director Gaston will keep the Board informed.

As there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

#### **ATTEST:**

Michael K. Gaston  
Library Director