

Bellevue Library Board Minutes

July 15, 2014

Present:

Board: Judy Bailey, Chad Davis, Cris Dreher, Loretta Lopez, Peter Maxim, Barbara Spindel
KCLS: Debra Westwood
Guests: Tricia Moorhouse-Miller
Absent Board: Alice Lee

President, Judy Bailey called the meeting to order at 5:08PM and began by having members introduce themselves for the benefit of the new members of the Board.

The minutes for June were reviewed and approved.

David Dawson from KCLS gave the Board a tour of the new Mobile Learning Lab and reviewed with us the capabilities and goals of the new facility. The computers have learning modules to use for providing on-line library resources for students K-12, training for citizenship, language learning, computer skills, genealogy and Mango online language courses. Stops may include community centers, childcare centers, schools, low-income housing, and senior centers. Loretta suggested having the lab visit homeless shelters. Debi pointed out the usefulness of the lab at the Crossroads Library which does not have adequate space for classroom instruction and which can be too noisy as well. Tricia pointed out that it might be helpful to have the stations duplicate what was on the main screen. David said that the facility would be used to give computer access to youth without access at home. The Bellevue Boys and Girls Club sponsors scholarship programs that might include that target group. We asked what the goals of the program were and were told access, teaching and learning. Peter suggested that KCLS could get data about those in paid lunch programs and use that information to target areas with need.

We returned to the meeting room and Tricia, the new President of the Bellevue Library Friends, gave a summary of the Bellevue Friends' income, disbursements and funded programs in 2013. They provided \$50,451 in support in 2013 and would be funding 19 programs in July at Bellevue Library. She stated they will focus on future programs that bring in lots of people to the Library and are looking forward to a foreign language book sale in September as well as an upcoming vintage book sale. Debi said that Bellevue is privileged to have the space for the Corner Book Shop and because of the support they receive from the Friends they are able to cede KCLS supported programs to other libraries.

Barbara expressed the thanks of the Newport Way Sidewalk Group for the endorsement of their efforts by the Board.

Debi reported:

There was no new information on the Director search beyond that there were 12 candidates under consideration and that the search committee would review those applications and narrow the search to 3- 5 finalists.

The 4th of July dog walk downtown had a good turnout and KCLS had a library information booth. She said that staff prefers bringing the "Library2Go" van because it eliminates the need to set up.

The dead plants in the living wall will be replaced by the landscape company. Part of the reason they didn't survive was temperature variations that didn't fit within what was normal for these plantings. Dead trees and bushes will be replaced.

Food Truck Rodeo is coming up August 14th from 4:30PM – 8:30PM and will be cosponsored by KCLS and the Bellevue Parks Department at Ashwood Park, the green space just west of the Bellevue Library. The food trucks will take over the Park parking lot and will include KCLS' Library2Go van plus an ice cream cart sponsored by the Friends.

When asked about net neutrality, Debi said she would forward the American Library Association policy but summarized the KCS position with "We are for it".

The City of Bellevue publication "Neighborhood News" lists all Library Board meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Spindel

Next meeting: September 16, 2014
Bellevue Library 5PM