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## **LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**December 4, 2012**

Present: Committee Member Alan Feinstein  
Committee Member Victoria King  
Committee Member Sean Neary  
Committee Chair Len Runion  
Committee Member Thea Wood  
Committee Member Marcus Young

Absent: Committee Member Janiel Santos

Staff: Abigail Elder

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Len Runion called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**2.1** Thea Wood moved and Alan Feinstein seconded that the minutes as written.

### **3. COMMUNICATIONS**

**3.1 Chair:** Chair Len Runion reported on a recent visit to the Federal Way Public Library. A member of the King County Library System, Federal Way uses automated materials handling to check items in as they are inserted into the bookdrop.

**3.2 Staff:** Library Manager Abigail Elder shared November statistics and recent comment cards. Tualatin Library Foundation held a three-day fundraiser in connection to the grand opening of the new Barnes & Noble Bookstore. Friends of the Library had a very successful booksale on December 1st. The Library will be promoting winter reading in December and January with special events and prizes.

**3.3 Public:** None.

### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

**4.1 TLC Report:** Janiel Santos was absent, so there was no TLC Report.

**4.2 Tualatin Tomorrow Follow-up:** Sean Neary led a discussion based on questions raised during the Tualatin Tomorrow meeting in October:



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a) What is the role of the library in the community? What purpose does it serve today? For the future? What purpose *should* it serve?

b) How does the role of the library and new technology relate? What purpose does the library hold/should it hold when it comes to new technologies?

Other comments in the discussion included the library's role in education, and the need to partner with other groups that can take the lead in education, such as Portland Community College. Libraries fill the "back end" rather than cutting edge of technology training. The library could provide cross-generational opportunities by recruiting and training teens to teach adults to use technology.

The committee members indicated an interest in having a greater discussion on these topics in future TLAC meetings.

## 5. **NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 Child Safety Policy:** Abigail Elder presented a draft Child Safety Policy for the library. She will incorporate TLAC comments and bring a more formal version to the January TLAC meeting.

**5.2 Library Café Space:** Abigail Elder presented many different options for the café space in the lobby. TLAC members were most interested in finding another café vendor, installing vending machines, staff space and a space for copying and other office functions.

## 6. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

No communications.

## 7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

7.1 Statistics for 2012

7.2 Friends of the Library

## 8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_, Abigail Elder, Recording Secretary