

Minutes
Oklahoma Department of Libraries
ODL Board of Directors
April 22, 2009
10:00 a.m.
Reed Conference Center
Rice Conference Room
Midwest City, OK

Chair Ann Geurkink called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked for roll call. Board members present: Betty Bass, Ann Geurkink, Tom Terry, Harlene Wills, and Susan McVey, ex officio. Absent: Hannibal Johnson, Wally Turner, and Shelly Pitt-Wilson.

Guests and staff members present: Karen Currie, Jan Davis, Susan Gilley, Vicki Mohr, Kitty Pittman, Vicki Sullivan, and Bill Young.

In conformity with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, advance notice of the 2009 regularly scheduled meetings was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on December 11, 2008 and public notice of this meeting, together with the agenda, was posted in prominent public view on the glass exterior walls of the Allan Wright Memorial Building, 200 NE 18th Street, Oklahoma City, on 4/20/09, 8:15 a.m. In addition, an email announcement of the meeting with agenda was sent to all Oklahoma public libraries on April 21st, 2009 at 8:10 a.m. and the announcement of the Board meeting and agenda were posted on the ODL website at 3:10 p.m. on April 17, 2009.

Geurkink asked for consideration of the board minutes of the February 13, 2009 board meeting. Terry moved the minutes be approved. Bass seconded. Votes were as follows: Bass, yes; Geurkink, yes; Terry, yes; Wills, yes; absent: Johnson, Pitt-Wilson, and Turner. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

McVey reported the 20th annual *Oklahoma Book Awards* was held on April 4th, 2009 at the historic Edward L. Gaylord-T. Boone Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, with former governor, George Nigh as Master of Ceremonies. The annual event has developed into an intimate and prestigious event promoting Oklahoma authors. Oklahoma was fourth in the nation to establish a Center for the Book office. Board member Betty Bass attended.

Read Across Oklahoma Day was held April 7th, 2009. The event targets disadvantaged children and their families. Target organized volunteers this year and will give an additional \$30,000 dollars next year for the event. More info will be shared at the next board meeting. Board Chair Ann Geurkink attended the event.

No action has been taken regarding budget so far in the legislative session. Agencies are expecting a five to ten percent reduction. Protecting federal maintenance of effort (MOE) is critical to ODL. A one percent recision for the current fiscal year is possible. The Governor

requested no furloughs or terminations of employees for FY2010 but agencies are not sure this is achievable. Meetings regarding the stimulus package are being held. ODL will not receive money from the package but part will be used for broadband access (high speed bandwidth) in communities. Most of the money will predominantly be used to balance the state budget.

Geurkink asked for public comment. There was none.

Next agenda item was consideration and possible vote on selected projects funded by the Library Services and Technology Act federal funds. Some projects are continuing or ongoing projects and some are one-time projects. The first, statewide licenses for databases, includes funding for a new staff person, who will focus on training.

Interlibrary loan resource sharing will cover the costs of staff to address some of the directions from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for putting staff salaries with the service provided.

Geurkink asked what the “*San Jose Way*” was. Mohr said it was a unique way to renovate and revitalize libraries. Ruth Barefoot, a consultant, presented a two-day workshop for Oklahoma libraries and paid two visits to the Yukon library which is a pilot site. High-end commercial furniture, new lighting and bright colors are used to give the library a completely different feel. The website is SanJoseWay.org. Two grants were available this year.

Geurkink asked how the video-gaming program went. McVey said the program’s purpose was to target new audiences to bring them into the library. Mohr said there had been successful programs around the state.

IMLS notified ODL our award was \$2,283,382 with two years to spend the money. The project totals above come to \$1,870,101, which leaves ODL with a balance of \$413,281. Other projects will be forthcoming as well as paying staff with federal funds per IMLS directives, hopefully with more information at the June or August meeting.

Due to revenue failures, other states are not doing as well as Oklahoma budget-wise. Louisiana’s state library had a 50% budget cut, Nevada 46%, and Arizona State Archives is open by appointment only and terminating thirty (30) staff overall. Next fiscal year may be more difficult for ODL as well.

Tom Terry and Betty Bass were chosen for the Nominating Committee for ODL board officers, to report back at the June 19th meeting.

The board meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next board meeting will be Friday, June 19th, 2009 at 10 a.m. at the State Capitol, Room 512A, Oklahoma City, OK.

Susan McVey, Secretary