

CANBY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES 09-08-09

5:45 PM CANBY CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

Present: Cathy Whiting, President; Madeleine Henderson, Board Member; Jennifer Searles, Board Member; Marty Moretty, Library Office Coordinator; Beth Saul, Interim Library Director.

Cathy Whiting called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM. During the welcome and announcements she noted that the minutes from the last several meetings will be reviewed and approved at the October meeting.

Marty Moretty was present to give a staff overview regarding the transition to the new "Symphony" computer program, and the new open hours. She reported that the public loves the new hours. There have been no complaints about the loss of Wednesday evening hours, but plenty of appreciative comments about the addition of the morning hours. About the only issue that may require further review is that of Saturday downtown events that bring folks to town hours before the library's 1 PM opening time. Staff has noted that it would be beneficial to open earlier on Saturday, but at present that would also mean closing earlier. The Board will have to review this with the new Director and perhaps it may be possible to add a couple of hours on Saturday without closing too early. The Board discussed the possibility of looking at the hours again in December and if changes to the schedule are appropriate, make them after the holidays in January.

The Symphony computer conversion has gone well overall. The staff still are getting used to the new system and the Network office is still addressing some problems and adjusting the program to better suit our needs. The public seems to like the new website for searching and placing holds.

In Board member comments and concerns, there was discussion of addressing goal setting for a future meeting. In addition, there was discussion of developing a closer association with the school libraries. Jennifer was willing to help be a liaison to the schools, and it was suggested that she contact Peggy Wickwire, Children's Librarian, about her partnership activities with the school librarians.

The next meeting in October will be Penny Hummel's first meeting with the Library Board as new Library Director.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Saul, Interim Library Director