

WHLAG Minutes

4 April 2009

Attendees

Dishon, Clay; Dysart, Laura; Flaherty, Scott; D'Urso, Doug; Korzun, Bill; Mallon, Peg; Parham, Clara; Ruth; Thompson, Debbie; Hand, Jerry; Smith, Steve

Minutes

- Beautification. Peg will take charge of the landscaping around the branch, new plantings and mulching. Diggers welcome!
- Staff Appreciation. We are planning to do this during National Library Week, April 15th. Bring a bunch of food, treats, and flowers. Doug will make basket.
- Treasurer's Report. Not much activity. Reimburse Laura for gift certificate for Laura for the birds. Total 5996.12, including cash box. Tax report filing, for charitable 501-C, IRS.
- Yuri's Night. April 18th, a Saturday night at 7:00 PM. Laura will distribute fliers at Blanchards, the tot lot, and all the usual places. We will give a box of fliers for Ruth, 2000 for all four public schools in the district. Also send them to Waldorf, Good Shephard. Crafts will include Yuri's tattoos and the party pack. Space suit helmet for pictures. Steve will bring space movies, rockets, books, memorabilia. We will have the usual pizza and Tang. We will have two t-shirts to raffle off. Doug will again invite the Astronomical society. Setup at 6:15. Everyone please collect used CDs for crafts.
- 50th Anniversary. Subcommittee pulling details together. Considering Carol Covell & her Jazz Trio to play, cost of \$450. For catering, waiting back on response from Positive Vibe. Heard back from Crossroads, but they want \$60/person. Seems a bit high, but seems like a nice idea. Looking for wine approval, but needs deep approval process. Tickets, \$25/person. Mayor has been invited; in Harriett's hands. Send invitation to board members from local businesses, local organizations. If you have names, send to Laura. Ruth to pull list of teachers.
- Clay's notes. Recession is having an effect on the library budgets; there will be a 4% cut, but no layoffs. Zip code 23225 and 23235 residents can use Bon Air branch. Vacant positions are frozen. Reduction in hours for main, closed on weekend. 4.5 positions eliminated. Much still to be discussed. Any advocacy would be appreciated. New York Times articles on library use being up 20%. Stimulus payments, nothing directly coming to the city, but the state library is benefiting, so there is an indirect effect. No effect to the collection budget.

Some 2008 statistics on the branch collection stats. Newest collection in the city, average age is 1998. Circulation was 102,916, total holdings 31,171. Turnover is 3.30, highest in the city; Belmont is next closest (2.77). 85,454, door count.

Coming up. Summer Reading Program, June 20th. Runs to August 1st. Main library, grand finale, centered around this year's theme, the arts. Clay has promised a cookout this year for the kickoff, wants to contact Debbie Fellman, balloon lady. Slide the time to end with the cookout. 10.30 – 12.30.

- Next meeting, May 2nd at 9:00 am at the library.