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The August meeting of the North Central Regional Library board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson Lynn Beltz. Board Members Deborah Moore, Jennifer Maydole, Alec McKay, and Jim Brucker were present. Executive Director Dean Marney, Director of Public Services Dan Howard, Associate Director Marilyn Neumiller, Finance Manager Sue DeWitz, HR Manager Dixie Taylor and Administrative Assistant Anne Brangwin were present as well.

Two students from Wenatchee High School were present to observe the meeting.

The agenda and minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

The Director's Report included personnel, the budget, technology, litigation, and meetings. Barbara Soltess, Chelan branch has left NCRL to take another job. Howard and Malia Tucker, Area Manager, conducted interviews to fill the position. NCRL has started on the 2010 budget process with the branch and departmental wish lists. Howard negotiated a lower price to produce the Mail Order Catalog from the Wenatchee World. Almost 200 public access computers including wiring and furniture have been installed in the branches to fulfill this year's requirements for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Opportunity Online hardware grant process. The evaluation/reporting part of the grant is an inventory. Neumiller is working on that update with a deadline of September 1st. Current reports state that the ALA is monitoring NCRL's case but not taking a position on it. The ALA has adopted new interpretations to their library bill of rights declaring content neutrality. NCRL has not adopted the ALA Library Bill of Rights as Policy. Marney and Howard attended the PNLA Conference in Missoula last week. Sue Dewitz, Howard, and Marney met with two staffers from the Planning Division of the City of Wenatchee to discuss the effects of their plan for a local Revitalization Financing District on the riverfront. NCRL has been working with numerous potential partners on the NTIA BTOP Federal Stimulus Funds grants to improve the fiber infrastructure in Ferry County. Nine NCRL staff have signed up to attend the Washington Association of Library Employees Conference in Wenatchee.

Howard presented the July Branch Report. NCRL has begun a project working with a Wenatchee Pi Beta Phi group to provide children's books in English and Spanish at Columbia Valley Community Health Center and Central Washington Hospital. A new Teen Services Committee has been formed. The committee will review past and current successes and explore new educational objectives, programs, and services. The Children's Services Committee met to review the

2009 summer reading program, discuss library card registration drive plans, and finalizeTutor.com promotion activities for the month of September. "Microsoft Office, Once over lightly" training was offered by Neumiller at the Omak Library. "HIP/Horizon Refresher for Substitutes-Basic and Advanced" training was held at the Ephrata Library. An "Introduction to Computers" class for Library Patrons is planned for the Waterville Library on Wednesday, September 2nd.

A financial report, including fund balances, a listing of bills to be paid and payroll was presented to the trustees. Fund balances at the Chelan County Treasurer's Office as of July 31, 2009 were reviewed: General Fund $7,326,064.16, Automation Fund $444,317.59, Facility Improvement Fund $447,132.67 and Payroll Fund $1,087.182.74. After review and discussion, Brucker moved that vouchers #52896 through #53000 in the amount of $386,318.14 and payroll in the amount of $276,682.42 be approved for payment. Maydole seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

After review and discussion of expenditures from the Endowment Fund, Moore moved that vouchers #0054 through 0056 be approved for payment. Maydole seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Dean Marney, Executive Director

Lynn Beltz, Chairperson