

**MINUTES of the Washington County Library Board  
Regular Meeting at State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN  
February 26, 2007**

**Present:**

**Board:** Gag, Hegberg, Ryberg, Sindelir  
**Staff:** Conley, Schneider, Manion, Worwa

**1. Call to Order**

Ryberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Recognition of the Public**

**3. Adoption of the Agenda**

It was moved by Hegberg, seconded by Gag to adopt the agenda. Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

**Consent Calendar Approval**

It was moved by Gag and seconded by Vidlock to adopt the consent calendar as presented. Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

**4. Unfinished and New Business**

**A. 2006 Budget Review**

Conley presented the official year-end financial report for 2006. She outlined key revenue sources and reviewed the major expenditure categories led by personnel, rent and collection. She noted the fund balance is about 3% .

**B. 2006 Statistical Review**

Joe Manion gave members an overview of statistical data that charts the performance of the Library. This data is part of the County's Annual Performance Report for 2006. Conley asked Board members to think about and provide input to future discussion of "how to best measure what we do." Sindelir noted her continued concern with the new policy regarding making popular fiction dvds non-requestable. She hoped the change was just not to raise circulation. Conley reassured the Board that the policy change was under close scrutiny and could be revisited. At this time she and Manion are collecting public input and ideas. Also we are still in a period of time when all holds place before the end of 2006 still need to be fulfilled which is influencing availability of items. The Board will be kept apprised of data gathered, public opinion and suggestions for modifications to the policy.

**C. Washington County Legislative Update**

Conley reviewed letters she has sent to Legislative members in support of library related legislation. She is consistently informing legislative members of the requested \$5 million increase in regional library basic system support and Washington County's position that at least 90% of any new money to regional systems be passed through directly to the

member libraries in federated systems such as MELSA. She expressed her pleasure at today's opportunity for the Board to meet some of Washington County's legislative members and indicated that a future opportunity to visit with legislators would be office visits arranged on March 28, Minnesota Library Association Legislative Day in St. Paul.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 26, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Oakdale Branch Library.