

February 29, 2010

Meeting: Library Task Force for Rejuvenation
Thursday, February 25, 2010 – 7 p.m.
Grand Forks Library Meeting Room

Members in
Attendance: Caprice Benoit, Doug Carpenter, Ken Dawes, Jim Hovey, Dorette Kerian, Brian
Osowski, Ann Peterson, Brian Osowski, Brian Poyko, Jeff Regimbal, Brian Schill,
Rhonda Schwartz, and Susan Mickelson

Also in
Attendance: Lila Christianson

1. **Call to Order** -- Jim Hovey called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. **City Update** – Discussion was held on the Mayor’s State of the City Address presented February 12, where plans were proposed for referral of a quarter cent sales tax in the City of Grand Forks. Mayor Michael Brown proposed that \$10 million of the sales tax revenue be designated for library construction and the remaining revenue be used to fund such infrastructure projects as water, transportation and public works. In a February 25 meeting with City Administrator Rick Duquette, Susan Mickelson was informed that Mayor Brown would like the sales tax referendum to be included on the June City Election ballot.

Motion by Dorette Kerian; second by Ken Dawes that the Library Task Force amend a prior recommendation to the Library Board regarding a specific date for ballot, pending additional reports from Library Consultants, PA. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Finance Committee Report** – Brian Osowski provided an update on Recovery Zone Bonds for 2010 allocation. Funding is still available in Grand Forks County; bonds must be issued by December 31, 2010. The County plans to voluntarily relinquish its allocation if no applications are received by that time.
4. **Communications Committee** – Susan distributed the second draft of a communications plan and asked Task Force members to review the document and prepare to discuss at the next meeting. (Attached as Addendum A.) Also distributed was a report of presentations, meetings, and interviews that members of the communications committee have conducted in the past three months. (Attached as Addendum B.) Several recommendations were given for a variety of organizations and clubs that might be willing to include the library presentation on an upcoming meeting agenda. Susan will follow up with the suggested contacts.

5. **Fundraising** – Discussion on possible options of fundraising strategies for a library construction project. Susan and Wendy will be meeting with Jim Holdman to discuss options for hiring a professional fundraising consultant.

Motion by Ken Dawes, second by Dorette Kerian to recommend that the Library Board establish a Library Foundation and proceed with application for 501(c)(3) status. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Next Meeting** -- The next meeting of the Task Force will be held Thursday, March 11, at 7 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. This date has also been tentatively scheduled as the consultants' presentation of the final results of the site selection rankings.

7. **Adjournment** -- The meeting was adjourned at 8{10 p.m.

Duly recorded,

Susan Mickelson