



### **Security System Bid Award**

Ann Hokanson presented the board with the name of the lowest bidder for the purchase and installation of a replacement security system. She noted that the bid provided by Austin Communications (the low bidder) was substantially less than other bids submitted. She further reported that the new system will replace and expand on the prior system, which has been non-functional for some time.

Motion made by Duane Feragen to formally accept the low bid of Austin Communications for the security camera system installation work. Barry Irish seconded the motion. Carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

### **Gift from Harding Estate**

Ann Hokanson reported the receipt of a gift from the Estate of Russell and Gudrun Harding in excess of \$32,000. She requested that, considering the size of the gift, members of the board consider potential special uses for these funds and come to an agreement at the next board meeting regarding direction on how the monies are to be used.

Carmen Tribbett asked if this gift is structured in the same manner the Walter Wienke Estate funds. Ann Hokanson advised it is not, and the funds have been placed in the library's gift and memorial account.

Sally Baker suggested that the library explore options for collaborative efforts with other agencies in town who received money from the Harding Estate.

Ideas will be presented and discussed at the June board meeting.

### **Legacy Grant Applications**

Ann Hokanson advised that the library has been granted Legacy funding for a presentation by the "Rose Ensemble", a group that performs and provides information about ancient music. Ann noted this is a "vetted" program through SELCO, which assisted with gaining approval for the Legacy funding. The library has received the approval for an educational workshop by the Rose Ensemble, and it is expected that an additional grant (now pending) for a free concert by the group (applied for in collaboration with the Paramount Theatre) will also likely be approved.

Ann also reported that the library has been approached by organizers of Austin's Arts in the Park to have a part in their annual program. This cooperative effort is in the initial stages, and Ann will provide additional information as it develops.

Carmen Tribbett shared her thoughts on a potential program regarding a Minnesota Asian/Indonesian music and dance group. She will provide contact information to Ann.

### **Summer Reading Program and Upcoming Events**

Ann Hokanson provided an update on the planning and preparation for the 2010 summer reading programs at the library. The theme is "Make A Splash – Read!" Ann advised that all programs have been set and performers/presenters are in place. She noted that this is the first year that the summer reading program preparations have been done without a children's librarian.

Ann Hokanson concluded her report by making note of the upcoming Trace Bundy free concert on May 15 in the library.

**SELCO REPORT:**

Sally Baker advised that she attended her first SELCO meeting (as the Mower County representative) and shared information about the 2010 Poetry Contest, which received 280 submissions. One of the 30 winners is Austin resident and library patron, MaryAnne Lynch.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

**APRIL 2010 GIFTS REPORT:**

A motion was made by Sally Baker, seconded by Pat Toschak, to approve the April 2010 gift report. Carried.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

None.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

The board held a brief discussion regarding a change as to which Monday the regular monthly meetings should occur. Tom Dankert, Administrative Services Director for the City of Austin, noted at the April board meeting that the financial reports are sometimes incomplete due to the board meeting early in the month – sometimes before final data is available. He stated that complete information is reflected the following month in the year-to-date totals, but meeting in a later week of the month may resolve this issue altogether.

Following discussion of each potential week for scheduling the board meetings and discovering conflicts on each week, the board decided to continue to meet on the second Monday of each month at this time. However, the regular start time of the meetings will be changed from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to avoid additional conflicts for current members and to prevent a scheduling barrier for recruitment of future members.

Ann Hokanson noted that the Ladies Floral Club Book Luncheon was very successful (raising over \$2,050), and recognized and thanked Sally Baker (president of the Ladies Floral Club) for her efforts and support of the Austin Public Library.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Sally Baker, seconded by Pat Toschak, to adjourn at 3:55 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sara Steinhoff  
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING  
4:00 p.m., Monday, June 14, 2010