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Minutes of Special Meeting

Bethel Public Library Board of Directors -Technology Committee
Monday October 20, 2014, 6:30 pm
Bethel Public Library

Present: Richard Merritt, Chair; Linda Curtis, Ted Stevenson, Lynn Rosato, Library Director; Tia Murphy, Board Chair, ex-officio

Absent: Robert Zupperoli

Call to Order: Committee Chair Richard Merritt called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the March 13, 2014 were approved with a motion by Ted Stevenson and second by Richard Merritt, all in favor.

Review and Discussion of Proposed Technology Budget for FY 2015-2016: Lynn Rosato presented the proposed budget for technology line items #206, 313, and 212. The server is approaching its five-year projected lifespan in October 2015 and will need to be replaced before hardware failure occurs. The rolling PC replacement schedule of 18 computers at four-years-old needs to be continued. However, cost reductions could be achieved by replacing 3 of the computers with Raspberry PI units and reusing the present monitors, keyboards, and mice. Their limited capacity would be sufficient for use at the stand-up PAC stations.

In the library survey, patrons asked that there be more self-checkout machines. The one that the library had was not replaced after its hardware failed. The proposed budget recommends two self-checkouts. Richard Merritt recommended that two receipt printers be added to the budget since they will be needed for the checkout machines. Everyone concurred.

Contract services and online database services remain unchanged except for an anticipated 3.8% and 3% rate increase respectively.

Ted Stevenson made a motion to present the technology budget as discussed and amended, to the Finance Committee. Richard Merritt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Date: To be determined.

Ted Stevenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard Merritt seconded the motion and, with all in favor, adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda C. Curtis, Committee Member

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