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Policy Committee

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

6:00pm

Storytime Room, Library Lower Level

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair Johanna Delaney at 6:12 pm.

Attending: Chair Johanna Delaney, Trustee Pete DeHaan, Executive Director Lynn Elam, Adult Services and Reference Manager Michaela Haberkern

**Internet Access Review**

The committee continued its scheduled review of the Library's Internet Access and Computer Use Policy. The policy was most recently approved by the Board of Trustees in September, 2006.

Revisions submitted from the November meeting were reviewed and discussed. The committee discussed the strength and appropriateness of the sentence, "The Hinsdale Public Library provides its patrons with free and unfiltered access to the Internet via public computers and its wireless network." Following comments, the committee agreed to leave the statement as revised.

The Committee agreed to insert the word "Because" at the beginning of the paragraph stipulating parental permission for children under 16 to access the Internet at the Library.

Staff recommended that time limits be excluded from the policy in order to allow discretionary use by patrons.

Other minor language changes were made and staff was directed to incorporate new revisions into the document for a final review by the committee.

The revised policy will be brought to the Board of Trustees as a discussion item at the January 26, 2010 monthly meeting.

**Other:**

The committee noted that the Program Policy was scheduled for review. This review was deferred until completion of the current Strategic Plan and an updated analysis of adult programming. Chair Delaney requested that staff submit the program analysis to the committee prior to the next meeting.

The committee discussed the challenges of presenting successful adult programming and agreed that the policy review should acknowledge other programming, and its impact on the Library, that is offered throughout the Village.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.