



Strategic Plan Committee Minutes
Wednesday, December 7, 2011, 5 p.m.
Large Meeting Room, Library Lower Level

Present: Ms. Johanna Delaney, President; Mr. Pete DeHaan, Vice President; Mr. Joe LaManna, Treasurer; Ms. Nancy Weller, Secretary; Ms. Jan Letts, Trustee; Ms. Connie Nelson, Trustee; Ms. Vicky Bush-Joseph, Trustee; Karen Kleckner Keefe, Executive Director; Tiffany Verzani, Assistant Director; Michaela Haberkern
Facilitators: Sandy Swanson and Clark Swanson, OrangeBoy

Call to Order at 5 p.m.

Why Do We Do What We Do?

- Community – gathering place
- Education
- Lifelong learning
- Enriching community (Cultural events and activities)
- Open and free access
- Facilitating access to information
- Power of reading
- Like to help
- Ideas
- Learning
- Open, free
- Power education
- Community – participate
- Unique community (ours)
- Strong community
- Building Blocks
- Builds problem solving skills
- Economic, financial success
- Learning for learning's sake
- Places
- "Connecting People"
- To be... malleable

Vision attributes:

- Add value to community and quality of life
- Non-partisan, non-affiliation – offers a neutral viewpoint
- Contributes to the whole person (physical, spiritual, intellectual, emotional)
- Fosters the generation of ideas
- Connects people
- Provides economic value
- Offers exploration of self, other worlds
- Provides choice (selections are not required, as they might be in a classroom setting or business environment)
- Open system (free access to all)
- Builds community

What Do We Value About the Library?

Board and Library Management each ranked the top three things he or she values about the library. The table shows all responses, and the list that follows ranks the values based on the number of times it was mentioned by participants)

	#1	#2	#3
Participant 1	Access to information	Place to work and gather	Cultural and literary enrichment
Participant 2	Access or connection to information	Anchor and/or gathering place	Connection to enrichment
Participant 3	Cultural enrichment	Literary enrichment	Educational opportunities
Participant 4	Economic value	Community source (meeting rooms, programs, etc.)	Keeping the small, close village feel
Participant 5	A trusted, passionate resource for readers	Community space - safe, neutral, welcoming	Committed to knowing and serving Hinsdale
Participant 6	Open access customized to Hinsdale's high level of expectation		Connecting our patrons with innovative ideas, experiences and community
Participant 7	Nurturing ideas	Nurturing community	Nurturing learning
Participant 8	Power of reading	Power of ideas	Connecting people/building community
Participant 9	Center for learning	Sense of community among and across city	Source of information
Participant 10	Facilitate ideas and literacy	Community space - to do and explore	Added value... what we enhance in the community - schools, culture

Summary Prepared by OrangeBoy, Inc.

Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.