



MINUTES OF THE LA GRANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Building and Grounds Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2011

PRESENT: Mary Nelson, John Reardon and Caroline Coryell

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Jeannie Dilger-Hill

VISITORS: None

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Caroline Coryell at 6:33 p.m.

Two items were under “Unfinished Business,” the Cyberbar seating and our interior walk-through.

Jeannie Dilger-Hill showed us a sample of fabric available for the mesh chairs, should we go that route. The color is “Bronze” and it blends in nicely with the other furnishings in the Adult area. However, Jeannie said she was quoted a price of \$791.00 each for the chairs and we may have to re-think using them.

The four of us then did our interior walk-through, starting on the second floor. We looked at the study rooms after a quick walk-through of the Young Adult area, which seems in good condition. Scuff marks on the walls have been periodically touched up by Ken Vesperman, but the committee feels that installing table-height chair-rails in all of the study rooms would prevent many of the scuff mark problems. The chair legs in the quiet Reading Room should be fitted with glides (cloth or plastic) to prevent marring of the wood floors, there are several areas which will need some restoration work due to the dragging of chairs across the floors.

We checked the two areas where we intend to install the Cyberbars and feel they will be a real asset for the patrons.

There were no other problems on this floor and we went down to the first floor to check out Youth Services. The Cyberbar here will fit nicely into the intended area, but we realized the proposed mesh chair fabric really will not work there. Jeannie will look into chairs similar to those in other areas and get some quotes. The carpet here needs cleaning and we noticed gum or something similar on some of the furniture.

The lobby is in good shape, and the new signage and book displays (from Borders) look very nice. The carpeted areas seem to be cleaning fairly well, but the carpet in the Patron Services area, as well as in the elevator, needs replacing. Both areas should have hard flooring, which will stand up better to use.

There were a few minor problems on the Lower Level which will be taken care of as necessary.

John Reardon brought up the exterior fencing problem and asked if we should be getting quotes now for replacement. It was decided that any new fencing should be the same height, with similar open areas for the top.

Mary Nelson moved to adjourn, seconded by John.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Coryell
Chairman and Board Secretary