

Minutes for Pillsbury Free Library Board of Trustees
Technology Committee Meeting
Tuesday, 4:00 pm
January 22, 2013

Members attending: Linda Hedrick (chair), Joan Warren, Richard Knapik,
Nancy Ladd, Library Director

- 1. Integrated library system** - Nancy filled out an online survey from the State Library. Most of the survey questions were regarding funding and library record readiness for Koha. Nancy spent about one hour showing staff the Koha trial site and Koha features and felt it was a positive experience for them.
- 2. New tablet purchase** - The committee looked at a few top-ten type lists for tablets that are currently on the market. One important consideration is a tablet that offers an easy download process for books. Rationale for the purchase includes the mobility it offers for use at work (sometimes there is not a computer for Nancy to use), it may be taken to meetings for note-taking and online searching, notes are easily transferred, it may be used by staff to show patrons how to use a tablet to access/use library services. Additionally, Nancy may use it as a teaching tool with staff. Nancy read that Apple offers the only ebook reader that consistently gets high marks on accessibility (particularly for the blind).

It was suggested and approved at the last full Board meeting that a \$400 gift amount be used toward the purchase of a tablet, since the FFF funds were not forthcoming. Additionally, the 2013 budget had allocated \$400 (reduced from original budget request of \$700) for a tablet purchase. Thus \$800 is available for a tablet. Ensuing discussion determined that it is possible we would need between \$500 and \$600 for a suitable tablet. The committee authorized Nancy to select the tablet that she felt would be best for the library needs.

- 3. Purchasing four new computers-** The committee looked at specs for Dell Inspiron 660 desktop computers. The newest computers in the library are Inspiron 580s. Nancy feels these computers have worked out well. Rich offered to talk with his son who works for Dell about the Inspiron 660 or the possibility of building a computer specific to needs of the library. He will report at the next technology committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Linda Hedrick