

Minutes of the Burlington Public Library Board of Trustees

The Burlington Public Library Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 in the Burlington Public Library Storytime room. Present were Penny Torhorst, Dianne Boyle, Yvonne Braunschweig, Kay Pockat, Steve Rauch, Mike Kelly, and Pat Hoffman. Excused were Pat Hurley, and Scott Johnson. Also present was high school representative Jahna Newholm, Library Director Gayle Falk and Administrative Assistant Linda Berndt.

Torhorst called the meeting to order at 4:01.

Torhorst introduced Mike Kelly to the rest of the Board and welcomed him to the Board.

Minutes of the March 23, 2010 meeting were approved. Braunschweig moved, and Boyle seconded. Motion passed.

The April 2010 General Fund Bills, Prepays, Reimbursements and March 2010 General Fund deposits were discussed and approved. Braunschweig moved approval and Hoffman seconded. Motion passed. The April 2010 Trust Fund Bills, and March 2010 Trust Fund Deposits were approved. Braunschweig moved and Boyle seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports: There were no reports at this time.

Federated Library Report: There was no report at this time.

Old Business:

Friends Update: The Friends are having a SRP kickoff on June 18th in the Park. The theme this year is "Make Waves - Read". Everything will be connected to the water theme. The kickoff in the Park will be free to everyone, and geared to all ages.

On June 21st the Friends are having a luncheon and will kickoff a fundraiser for the adult side of the library. Gary Niebuhr will be the speaker. The adult fundraiser would include updated electrical work to accommodate more computers and laptops and the furniture for the added computers. M.T. Boyle is taking pictures of other libraries so that we can have some ideas when we are ready to design a new library.

The Children's side of the library is almost complete. We are just waiting for the furniture portion to be completed.

New Business:

Library Bylaws: Falk said that according to our Bylaws the board would need to vote at a subsequent meeting to confirm the removal of the term limits. Rauch moved and Pockat seconded the motion to approve the new bylaws as presented with no term limits. Motion passed.

Upcoming Events:

The YA Book Club, Teen Book Club and the Adult Book Club are all reading the same book this month. It is "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind". The three book clubs will be meeting together to discuss it. There will be a speaker who has been to Malawi and worked with the people there.

WAPL conference is this week and Falk and Rockwell will be attending. It is being held in Sheboygan at the Blue Harbor Resort.

National Library Week Surveys: There were 200 surveys turned in and Falk had a handout on the results from those surveys. The survey covered services, computers, databases and hours. Some discussion followed on providing hours on Sundays. Kelly made the motion and Boyle seconded the motion that we set aside the discussion of being open on Sundays. Motion passed.

Review of the surveys showed that patrons responded with good comments about our staff and the service they receive at the Library.

Gayle will work on getting updated information from the State Standards on the hours, staff and amount of spending on materials and where we fit into the standards.

Directors Report:

Falk reported that our people didn't get a raise this year. The City has hired an outside firm and they are conducting a compensation survey for people not represented by a union.

Monthly Report: The statistics show increased Internet use. This is why we need more internet stations and more room for laptops.

In the News:

There are many listings in the calendar of events.

Falk had a thank you from the staff for the SRP t-shirts.

Falk had included two articles on the future of libraries in this month's packet.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:43 PM. Braunschweig moved to adjourn and Kelly seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 25th at 4:00 PM in the Burlington Public Library Storytime Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Rauch
Aldermanic Representative