

Minutes of the Burlington Public Library Board of Trustees

The Burlington Public Library Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 in the Burlington Public Library Storytime room. Present were Penny Torhorst, Pat Hurley, Scott Johnson, Yvonne Braunschweig, Kay Pockat, Steve Rauch, Mike Kelly, and Pat Hoffman. Excused was Dianne Boyle. Also present was high school representative Jahna Newholm, Library Director Gayle Falk and Administrative Assistant Linda Berndt.

Torhorst called the meeting to order at 4:00.

Minutes of the April 27, 2010 meeting were approved. Hoffman moved, and Braunschweig seconded. Motion passed.

The May 2010 General Fund Bills, Prepaids, Reimbursements and April 2010 General Fund deposits were discussed and approved. Braunschweig moved approval and Johnson seconded. Motion passed. The May 2010 Trust Fund Bills, and April 2010 Trust Fund Deposits were approved. Hoffman moved and Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports: There were no reports at this time.

Federated Library Report: Yvonne reported some Lakeshores librarians are concerned that MWFLS is not paying its fair share of consortium costs. This will be discussed at a June 3rd meeting between the systems. Steve Ohs was introduced to the LLS Board. He is a tech person who will be working with Jim Novy.

Old Business:

Friends Update: Furniture is arriving for the Children's area. The Friends are having a SRP kickoff on June 18th in the Park. The summer theme is "Make Waves - Read". The kickoff will be free and geared to all ages. On June 21st the Friends are having a lunch in the park with speaker Gary Niehbur. His topic is crime fiction. This will kickoff the new fundraiser to buy computers, laptops, and furniture.

New Business:

Upcoming Events:

The YA and Adult Book Clubs are reading the same book this month, "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind." They will be meeting together to discuss it. A guest speaker who has worked in Malawi will be featured.

Falk gathered updated information on the State Standards for hours, staff and spending. There is a printout from LLS on whether member libraries meet basic standards.

Currently we are in good standings in those numbers, but Falk reminded the Board that our materials budget has not grown as we had hoped. This may be a concern for the future.

Falk mentioned that the standards are constantly evaluated for revision as usage changes. For example, there are standards for the number of periodicals a library should own. However, in Badgerlink the State now provides an online full text database of magazines. We can print a copy of an article rather than finding it on the shelf. This means money spent on the subscription for that magazine can be used for other materials instead. The state needs to consider this when revising the standards.

Future-Proofing your library: Falk attended a seminar and is compiling information for our next meeting.

Recognition of Student Representative: Falk presented Jahna with a certificate of appreciation and also a Chamber of Commerce gift certificate for her service on our Library Board.

Directors Report:

Monthly Report: The circulation numbers are down a little this month.

In the past one adult page has taken the summer off and high school pages have taken her hours. Falk wanted Board approval again this summer, which she needs to provide to City Hall. The Board agreed.

Falk asked that the reorganization meeting be postponed until the June meeting. The Board agreed.

In the News:

There were many newspaper calendar events on the wii gaming program.

Falk had brochures of all the SRP events and storywagon events for the summer for the Board to see.

Public communication to the Board:

There was a thank you from the people from the sexual assault awareness program. They used our display case last month to increase community awareness.

There was also a thank you from the Children's Service Society of Wisconsin for handing out blue ribbon pins for the Blue Ribbons for Kids program. This was to help keep kids safe and prevent child abuse.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM. Hoffman moved and Hurley seconded. Motion passed.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 22nd at 4:00 PM in the Burlington Public Library meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Rauch,
Aldermanic Representative