

Regular meeting of the Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees, Monday, April 20, 2009. Headquarters Library, Wausau Room.

Present: Tim Gierl, David Eckmann, Scott Winch, Sharon Hunter,
Paul Buchberger, Audrey Ascher, Phyllis Christensen

Excused: Gina Cornell

Others: Donna Siedel, Jerry Petrowski, Marla Sepnafski, Sue Hafemeister, Garrett Erickson, Mike Hartkopf, Sharyn Heili, Jim Backus, Barbara Ritchie, Betty Tellekson, Tom O'Neill

Meeting was called to order at 12:03 by President Tim Gierl. Tim Gierl welcomed the visitors to the meeting.

Motion was made by David Eckmann to approve the minutes from March 16, 2009. Seconded by Audry Ascher. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Audry Ascher to approve the Bills & Services reports. Seconded by Paul BuchBurger. Motion carried.

President – no report

Other Board Members - no report

Director's Report – presented by Phyllis Christensen

- Marathon City Branch - progress update
- National Library Week
- BRAVO! Employee Recognition Program
- Year End Fund Balance

County Board of Supervisors – no report

Board Committees – Personnel Committee recommended approval of changes in library personnel policies brought forth by the personnel committee for the 2007 personnel policy

Motion was made by Audry Ascher to approve modification to personnel policies as recommended by the Committee. Seconded by Paul BuchBurger. Motion carried.

Phyllis Christensen explained Marathon Counties new Hiring Review Policy for all vacated positions and suggested voluntary participation with county committee program utilizing their findings as input in the final hiring decision which will be made by the director of the library.

Motion was made by Audry Ascher to approve voluntary participation in Marathon County Hiring Review Process. Seconded by Scott Winch. Motion carried.

Tim Gierl introduced and welcomed State Representatives Donna Siedel and Jerry Petrowski. Discussion included the following:

- The need for citizens to communicate their needs to their representatives through both email and direct communication.
- The need for government agencies to educate the public about all of the great services currently being made available
- The Governors proposed budget and its effect on Public Libraries
- Discussion of possible stimulus money available to Libraries
- Marla Sepnafski asked about affordable high speed internet for Northern Wisconsin and the following discussion pointed out how Libraries have become a hub for community access to the internet

Friends of the Library

- Barb Ritchie: Wausau Library Book Sale will begin on April 24th.
- Noodles and Company will donate 10% of sales on May 13th 4pm-9pm

MCPL Foundation

- The spring fundraising program is underway

Wisconsin Library Trustees & Friends (WLTF) –report by Jim Backus

- WLA has begun a green initiative program
- WLA Fall Convention is in the planning stage with such topics on the agenda as “How to start a Library Friends group”
- Jim shared information on youtube.com/edu “Logging into the Ivy League” collection of videos

Wisconsin Valley Library Services – report by Marla Sepnafski

- Next WVLS Board meeting will be April 21, 2009
- WVLS will be hosting an Open House for Gadgets” through April 23rd

Announcements

- Phyllis Christensen announced that Marathon County Public Library is on both Facebook and Twitter and that the Drive Thru will be 1 year old this month.
- Reminder that the May meeting will be at the Stratford Branch Library

Meeting adjourned at 1:47.

Library Director