

Regular meeting of the Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees, Monday August 18, 2008. Headquarters Library, Wausau Room.

Present: Gina Cornell, Scott Winch, Tim Gierl, Audrey Ascher, Phyllis Christensen

Excused: Paul Buchberger, David Eckmann, Sharon Hunter

Others: Marla Sepnafski, Wisconsin Valley Library Service Director
Garrett Erickson, Support Services Team Manager
Mike Hartkopf, Customer Services Team Manager
Bruce Furrer
Chris Luebbe
Sue Hafemeister, Library Business Specialist

Meeting was called to order at 12:02 by President Gina Cornell.

Gina Cornell welcomed the visitors to the meeting.

Motion was made by Audrey Ascher to approve the minutes from July 21, 2008. Seconded by Tim Gierl. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Scott Winch to accept the Bills & Services reports. Seconded by Audrey Ascher. Motion carried.

President – no report

Other Board Members – no report

Director's Report – presented by Phyllis Christensen

- Workplace Environment Team established a blog available only for staff
- Adding a bicycle rack at the lower level as part of Exterior Stairway Project
- Upper Parking lot will start construction the week of 9/8/08 to be completed 11/1/08
- Union negotiations began 8/14/08 with bargaining unit to meet in September
- Rosetta Stone Subscription will be ending 8/31/08 and will be replaced with "Tell Me More" Subscription funded by the Siebecker Foundation
- Will be meeting with Marathon City Branch Project group on 8/19/08
- Activities for Marathon County Reads begin 9/13/08

County Board of Supervisors – no report

Board Committees – no report

Friends of the Library

- August Book sale made approximately \$3,700
- Marla Sepnafski from WVLS will be giving a report on The Wisconsin Way 8/25/08

MCPL Foundation

- Closed Fairy Tale Ball Account
- \$6,700 received from Spring mailing
- Working on sponsorships for 2009 Marathon County Reads

Wisconsin Library Trustees & Friends

- American Library Trustees Association and Friends of Libraries have merged
- Held 8/16/08 board meeting using FreeConference.com
- Discussed statewide training of trustees possibly through the internet
- Working on Northwoods Conference in Rothschild on 10/11/08
- Will be doing a conference in Fennimore

Wisconsin Valley Library Service – presented by Marla Sepnafski

- 2009 WVLS Budget and System Plan will be finalized in September

Motion was made by Audrey Ascher to approve the 2009 Statutory Resource Library Agreement between the Marathon County Public Library and the Wisconsin Valley Library Service. Seconded by Scott Winch. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Scott Winch to approve the 2009 Library Budget of \$3,514,804 and to apply to the County Board for an amendment in the amount of \$17,229 as a .5% increase to our budget. Seconded by Tim Gierl. Motion carried.

The Trustees Essential #8 was discussed regarding developing the Library Budget. A carefully developed budget will ensure that available funds are effectively utilized to realize the library's service objectives. The budget should include clarity, accuracy, consistency and comprehensiveness. The Trustee's role is to trust and support the Director and to be well informed.

Roll call vote was taken to convene into closed session.

The Board reconvened into open session.

Motion was made by Scott Winch to approve the step increase for Phyllis Christensen after a satisfactory performance as Library Director. Seconded by Audrey Ascher. Motion carried.

Request for Future Agenda Items

- Tour of Drive Through, Exterior Stairway and Upper Parking Lot when completed
- Work on Amendment to the County for additional budget funds
- Future Vision of Library – strategy to give them some direction
- Demographic information of Marathon County as to how it affects the library

Meeting adjourned at 1:17.

Library Director