

Regular meeting of the Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees, Monday December 15, 2008. Headquarters Library, Wausau Room.

Present: Gina Cornell, Scott Winch, Tim Gierl, Paul Buchberger, Sharon Hunter, Audrey Ascher, Phyllis Christensen

Excused: David Eckmann

Others: Frank Matel, County of Marathon Employee Resources Director
Marla Sepnafski, Wisconsin Valley Library Service Director
Garrett Erickson, Support Services Team Manager
Mike Hartkopf, Customer Services Team Manager
Betty Tellekson, Library Personnel Specialist
Chris Luebbe
Sharyn Heili
Sue Hafemeister, Library Business Specialist

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 by President Gina Cornell. Gina Cornell welcomed the visitors to the meeting.

Motion was made by Sharon Hunter to approve the minutes from November 17, 2008. Seconded by Audrey Ascher. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sharon Hunter 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

- Paraprofessional union negotiations are waiting for Labor Management Committee recommendations. Professional union negotiations are at an apparent impasse.
- Selected "Marley & Me" as the book for Marathon County Reads 2009
- The Marathon City Branch Project committee has put out an RFP for the project with responses due 2/09
- The maintenance of the parking lot and stairwell has been transferred from the City to the County
- Explained the re-arranging of the 2nd floor, change in the webpage, Customer Appreciation Day 12/23/08, and the teen grants to two branches from the Friends
- Library Legislative Day is February 3, 2009 in Madison
- Circulation is up 6.3% in November with help from the Drive Through

County Board of Supervisors – no report

Board Committees

- Nominating Committee met 12/15/08

Friends of the Library – written report

- Grossed approximately \$9,000 at the November book sale
- Annual meeting is 1/25/09 with a presentation by Author John Bates
- The January regular meeting will be 1/26/09 at the regular scheduled time
- Funding 4 people to attend Library Legislative Day

MCPL Foundation

- Fall fundraising mailing
- Giving MCPL \$17,000 of matching dollars for collection development
- Encouraging donors to give and remember a loved one through a brochure that will change it's appearance with each holiday

Wisconsin Library Trustees & Friends – written report

- Planning 5 programs for WAPL with Vicki Reuling from WVLS Board of Trustees as one of the speakers
- Promoting attendance at Library Legislative Day 2/3/09

Wisconsin Valley Library Service – Marla Sepnanski

- Distributed information regarding an online workshop “Wisconsin Open Meetings Law” on December 18, 2008

Roll call vote was taken to convene into closed session.

The Board reconvened into open session.

There were no announcements from the closed session.

Audrey Ascher presented the following slate of officers for 2009.

Tim Gierl	President
Sharon Hunter	Vice-President

Motion was made by Scott Winch to accept Tim Gierl and Sharon Hunter. Seconded by Paul Buchberger. Motion carried.

The Trustees Essential #12 was discussed regarding library standards. The Wisconsin Public Library Standards is guided on the belief that libraries provide free access to all residents and provide a way to measure a basic level of quality for library service. It presents challenges to the libraries and their trustees. It is most effective to use the Standards as a tool to assist with library planning.

There are no announcements.

Request for Future Agenda Items – Analysis of other libraries to compare MCPL with other libraries of our size and the future of the library

Meeting adjourned at 1:07.

Library Director