

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

Present: Tim Gierl, David Eckmann, Audrey Ascher, Scott Winch, Phyllis Christensen

Excused: Gina Cornell, Roger Zimmermann, Paul Buchberger

Others: Marla Sepnafski, Wisconsin Valley Library Service Director
Jim Backus, Friends of the Library President
Garrett Erickson, Support Services Team Manager
Mike Hartkopf, Customer Services Team Manager
Betty Tellekson, Library Personnel Specialist
Chris Luebbe
Sharyn Heili
Mike O'Connor
Diane Peterson
Gary Gisselman
Sue Hafemeister, Library Business Specialist

Meeting was called to order at 12:12 by Vice-President Tim Gierl.

Motion was made by Audrey Ascher to approve the minutes from January 21, 2008. Seconded by David Eckmann. Motion carried.

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

Phyllis Christensen presented the Director's Report.

- County Department Head Task Forces with Phyllis as a member of the Technology Competency Task Force and Staff Role Task Force
- County Employee Culture Survey is an ongoing process with a consultant hired by the County
- Updated the board on the debt collection with Unique Management Services
- Visit the new web page at www.mcpl.us or www.mcpl.lib.wi.us
- Having town hall meetings at the library on immigration in partnership with Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy and Service

Jim Backus gave a report from the Friends of the Library.

- \$6,300 gross on last book sale 1/31-2/3/08
- Gave first installment of grants to the library
- Praised Audrey Ascher for her accomplishments while president of the board
- Re-organizing among board members
- Will have trustee identification program at each meeting
- Will have presentation at meetings from library staff to understand operations at the library

- Developing list.serv with members of Friends

Phyllis Christensen reported for the MCPL Foundation.

- Approved \$4,500 for Teen Zone

Audrey Ascher and Jim Backus reported on Wisconsin Library Trustees & Friends

- Interest by libraries regarding passport service
- Two conferences in 2008 in Stevens Pt and Middleton
- Reorganizing board
- Will be looking into videotaping meetings at WLA for those who cannot attend and creating poster information
- Looking into having an electronic meeting at least once a year

Jim Backus reported for the Wisconsin Valley Library Service.

- Finishing public library annual report from all libraries
- Interview for new employee to be on board sometime in March
- Economic Impact of Libraries in Wisconsin to be held 3/4/08

Motion was made by Audrey Ascher to approve the 2007 Fund Balance Transfers. Seconded by Scott Winch. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Audrey Ascher to approve the 2007 Annual Report. Seconded by Scott Winch. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Scott Winch to approve the Statement Concerning Public Library System Effectiveness. Seconded by David Eckmann. Motion carried.

Motion was made by David Eckmann to approve the changes on the Checkout Policy. Seconded by Audrey Ascher. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Audrey Ascher to approve the Reorganization of Library Professional Staff: Elimination of Librarian I Position and Creation of Customer Services Lead Librarian and Customer Services Librarian Positions. Seconded by Scott Winch. Motion carried.

The Trustees Essential 2 was discussed regarding the responsibilities of the library board and library director and their relationship with the library and county government.

Meeting adjourned at 1:23.

Library Director