

Regular meeting of the Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees, Monday January 19, 2009. Headquarters Library, Wausau Room.

Present: Tim Gierl, David Eckmann, Gina Cornell, Scott Winch, Sharon Hunter, Audrey Ascher, Phyllis Christensen

Excused: Paul Buchberger

Others: Garrett Erickson, Support Services Team Manager
Mike Hartkopf, Customer Services Team Manager
Chris Luebbe
Sharyn Heili
Diane Peterson
Heather Wilde, Confidential Personnel Assistant

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

Motion was made by Gina Cornell to approve the minutes from December 15, 2008. Seconded by Audrey Ascher. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sharon Hunter to accept the Bills & Services reports. Seconded by David Eckmann. Motion carried.

President – no report

Other Board Members – no report

Director's Report – presented by Phyllis Christensen

- Sam's Club donated \$1,000 for a large screen TV. for our Teen Zone.
- A new Library Assistant and Page started. We will be interviewing starting January 20 for the Business Specialist Position.
- We have a new online forum for Staff. Anyone can start a new topic and people are encouraged the post to the forum. This is replacing the Management Blog.
- Branch supervisors will be meeting every other month to reduce the mileage expenses. We are asking staff to carpool with others for any meetings or conferences they attend. At their recent meeting Starability team set up a conference call for a member of the group who is located at one of our branches.
- Our email system will be changing over from Groupwise to Outlook on January 29. The city will be providing training. Our email addresses will be staying the same.

County Board of Supervisors – no report

Board Committees - no report

Friends of the Library – written report

- 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
- The book sale will be February 5, 6, 7, & 8, 2009

MCPL Foundation - no report

Wisconsin Library Trustees & Friends – written report

- Promoting attendance at Library Legislative Day 2/3/09
- Membership Drive for WLTF annual dues are \$5.00

Wisconsin Valley Library Service – no report

Statistical Reports - It was decided that we will be keeping the Statistical Report General Services, Total Circulation Statistical Summary, Monthly Customer Count, and On-Site Circ to Non-Resident Customers reports. The Collection Report will be discontinued for the Library Board.

Policy Review - A discussion of the ALA policies.

The Trustees Essential #13 was discussed regarding library advocacy. One of your major responsibilities as a public library trustee is to act as an advocate for the library. Trustee's duties instead of advocate for the library would be to communicate values to the community.

There are no announcements.

Request for Future Agenda Items – Invite Donna Seidel, Jerry Petrowski & Russ Decker to our Library Board meeting. Meet with Brad Karger or a county supervisor.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05.

Library Director