

Regular meeting of the Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees, Monday July 21, 2008. Headquarters Library, Wausau Room.

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

Excused: Tim Gierl, David Eckmann

Others: Tharen Gorski, River House Architects
Matt Lehman, WSAU News Radio
Marla Sepnafski, Wisconsin Valley Library Service Director
Garrett Erickson, Support Services Team Manager
Mike Hartkopf, Customer Services Team Manager
Sharyn Heili
Sue Hafemeister, Library Business Specialist

Meeting was called to order at 12:01 by President Gina Cornell.

Gina Cornell welcomed the visitors to the meeting.

Motion was made by Sharon Hunter to approve the minutes from June 16, 2008. Seconded by Audrey Ascher. Motion carried.

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

President – no report

Other Board Members – no report

Phyllis Christensen presented the Director's Report.

- Thank you for condolences received for Phyllis Christensen's father
- Summer Library Programs are very successful
- On July 7, 2008, the Drive Through checked out their 2000th book
- Grand Opening of Drive Through with a ribbon cutting by Chamber of Commerce is 7/23/08
- A Self Check unit was put at the Rothschild Branch and two at Wausau Headquarters
- Partnership with Social Security Administration to begin Fall 2008
- Collaboration of the library with NTC, Marathon County Literacy Council and the Unitarian Universalist Church to establish a discussion/forum group
- Wireless Project is expanding to the branches in Fall 2008
- Attending WILS meeting in Madison on Thursday

Board Committees – no report

Friends of the Library – Next book sale is 8/14-16/08

MCPL Foundation – no report

Wisconsin Library Trustees & Friends

- Working on Northwoods Conference in Rothschild in October

Marla Sepnafski presented a report from Wisconsin Valley Library Service.

- She distributed a flyer announcing a workshop hosted by WVLS at Barnes & Noble on 8/21/08
- She also distributed the WVLS 2007 Statistics

Tharen Gorski presented the bids for the Exterior Stairway and recommended that the contract for \$75,350 be awarded to Norcon Corporation.

Motion was made by Scott Winch to approve the bid award to Norcon Corporation for the Exterior Stairway. Seconded by Sharon Hunter. Motion carried.

The 2009 Library Budget was discussed. Phyllis Christensen explained the process behind the budget to this point. The meeting on the budget with the County Administrator is August 13, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Audrey Ascher to request an additional .5% increase from the County over the 2009 amount of \$3,514,804. Seconded by Paul Buchberger. Motion carried.

The Trustees Essential #7 was discussed regarding the roles of the Library Board and Library Personnel. It is essential to have cooperation between the Library Board and the Library Director. They talked about how to retain qualified staff and how to attract qualified candidates to the area and the library.

A request was made to have information on how to order books and where you find titles to order either as an agenda item or as part of the Director's Report.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50.

Library Director