

Regular meeting of the Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees, Monday June 16, 2008. Headquarters Library, Wausau Room.

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

Excused: Paul Buchberger, David Eckmann

Others: Garrett Erickson, Support Services Team Manager
Sharyn Heili
Chris Luebbe
Sue Hafemeister, Library Business Specialist

Meeting was called to order at 12:03 by President Gina Cornell.

Gina Cornell welcomed the visitors to the meeting.

Motion was made by Sharon Hunter to approve the minutes from May 19, 2008. Seconded by Tim Gierl. Motion carried.

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

President – no report

Other Board Members – no report

Phyllis Christensen presented the Director's Report.

Summer Library Program:

- Kickoff is Tuesday June 17, 2008
- Theme is "Catch the Reading Bug"
- Teen Programs with the Theme "Metamorphosis @ Your Library"

County Employee Culture Survey:

- Having staff meetings to discuss and go over the results of the survey
- Established a workplace environment team to form an action plan

Marathon County Reads:

- MCPL Foundation is soliciting sponsors for events in September & October
- The book selected for 2008 is "Hoot" by Carl Hiaasen
- Events will start with United Way parade on 9/13/08
- The movie version of "Hoot" will be shown 10/25/08 at Cedar Creek Mall

New Service – Horizon:

- Horizon system can now send out an e-mail reminder two days before the item is due back to the library

Partnerships:

- Diane Peterson taught an Excel class to county employees as a first step in county employee computer skills training program

- United Way has used our computer lab for training sessions
- David Eckmann and Phyllis Christensen will be meeting to look at potential partnerships in the area
- Have been contacted by Social Security to help promote e-services

Board Committees – no report

Friends of the Library – no report

MCPL Foundation – Spring Mailing was mailed the end of May

Wisconsin Library Trustees & Friends

- Audrey Ascher & Jim Backus are leading a conference with Southwest Library System
- Northwoods Conference is in Rothschild in October
- Have had a request to present a conference in the Milwaukee system

Wisconsin Valley Library Service – no report

The Exterior Stairway Project Committee is finalizing some issues regarding the project. Bids are due back 7/2/08 and we should have that information for approval at the July meeting of the board.

Motion was made by Audrey Ascher to approve the Capital Improvement Projects for 2009-2014. Seconded by Scott Winch. Motion carried.

The 2009 Library Budget guidelines were discussed. The budget will be ready for approval at the July Library Board meeting. The Library meets with the County on 8/13/08 at 11:00. Board members are invited and encouraged to attend with Phyllis Christensen.

Garrett Erickson shared a report from the Visioning Summit on May 5-6, 2008 sponsored by COLAND. He encouraged the board to read the study on libraries done by David Ward. The summit partners put together a list of future ideas to help with libraries. They are:

- Better marketing for libraries
- Re-invent the library to be a place like home to come and visit
- Combine web related resources throughout the state
- Create a state library card
- Promote literacy and life long learning
- Be better stewards of our tax money and promote more efficient processes
- Invest more in professional development above what is taught in school
- Work on infrastructure problems
- Enlarge collection budgets and work on more e-services

The Trustees Essential #6 was discussed regarding the evaluation of the library director and the current performance appraisal used by the library.

Meeting adjourned at 1:07.

Library Director