

Regular meeting of the Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees, Monday, March 21, 2011. Headquarters Library, Wausau Room.

Present: Tim Gierl, Ken Day, Gary Beastrom, Audrey Ascher, Katie Rosenberg, Ralph Illick

Excused: Scott Winch, Alison Morrow

Others: Tom O'Neill, Mary Stachowiak, Marla Sepnafski, Sharyn Heili, Betty Tellekson, Kris Adams Wendt, Mike Hartkopf, Garrett Erickson, Chris Luebbe, Jeff Peters, Tom Becker

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

A motion was made by Audrey Ascher to approve the minutes from February 21, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Gary Beastrom. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Audrey Ascher to approve the Bills & Services report. Seconded by Katie Rosenberg. Motion carried.

Announcements – None

Public Comments – Public comments were heard from Mary Stachowiak and Tom Becker.

President – No report.

Other Board Members - No Reports.

Director's Report – Presented in the Board packet.

Board Committees – No Reports

Friends of the Library – Presented in the Board packet.

MCPL Foundation – No Report

Wisconsin Library Trustees & Friends (WLTF) – Presented in the Board packet.

Wisconsin Valley Library Service – No Report

Board Members MCPL e-mail Addresses – Tim Gierl extended an offer to each of the Board of Trustees to have an e-mail account set up for Library business so that they would not need to use their private accounts if they so chose.

Discussions with Marathon County Clarifying Library Board Role – Ken Day discussed efforts underway to better define the relationship between MCPL and Marathon County in light of future budget concerns.

By Law Updates –

A motion was made by Ken Day to accept changes to the By Laws. Seconded by Audrey Ascher. Motion carried.

Library Advocacy Fast Facts – Ralph Illick presented a printed piece under development which will be available for use in Library Advocacy opportunities.

3rd Floor Status Update – Ralph Illick updated the Board of Trustees on efforts which have been undertaken to relieve the 3rd floor of the Library of substantial weight in light of known concerns. An architectural firm will be conducting an engineering study to determine if any structural damage has been caused by years of bearing a load which was possibly in excess of known capacity limitations.

CIP Reallocation – Business Specialist Tom O’Neill asked that the Board of Trustees consider reallocating funds in CIP accounts designated for use in already completed projects towards upcoming CIP needs.

Trustee Education – The discussion of Trustee Essential #1 was reviewed by Audrey Ascher.

Announcements – Tim Gierl handed out Trustee Essential #2 which will be reviewed by Katie Rosenberg.

A Motion was made by Ken Day to adjourn the meeting at 1:42. Seconded by Audrey Ascher. Motion carried.



Library Director