

Regular meeting of the Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees, Monday October 27, 2008. Headquarters Library, Wausau Room.

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

Excused: David Eckmann

Others: Marla Sepnafski, Wisconsin Valley Library Service Director
Garrett Erickson, Support Services Team Manager
Diane Peterson
Sharyn Heili
Sue Hafemeister, Library Business Specialist

Meeting was called to order at 12:02 by President Gina Cornell.

Gina Cornell welcomed the visitors to the meeting.

Motion was made by Audrey Ascher to approve the minutes from September 15, 2008. Seconded by Paul Buchberger. 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

Director's Report – presented by Phyllis Christensen

- Parking lot is complete except for signage
- Marathon City Village Board has indicated that the land needed for the branch has been donated for the Marathon City Branch Project. They are in the process of hiring an architect.
- Marathon County Reads 2008 had excellent attendance and was a successful project
- Continued bargaining with the Paraprofessional and Professional units
- Attended a WVLS workshop on policy and procedure with Garrett Erickson
- Mike Hartkopf attended a workshop on customer service funded by a Wessler Scholarship through WVLS
- The Library has been asked to work with the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum on a grant entitled "In the Spirit of Norman Rockwell" if grant is awarded
- Circulation statistics are up 7% over last year
- Good turnout for Teen program "Twilight"

County Board of Supervisors – no report

Board Committees

– Personnel Committee met 10/27/08

Friends of the Library – Written report from President Jim Backus

MCPL Foundation

- Working on Fall fundraising mailing

Wisconsin Library Trustees & Friends – Written report from Jim Backus

Wisconsin Valley Library Service – no report

Diane Peterson presented a final report on the 2008 Summer Library Program “Catch the Reading Bug”. Program attendance and the Reading Club were up from 2007. A big thanks go to the Friends of the Library, Wisconsin Valley Library Service, businesses county wide and the Library staff for a job well done and another successful multi-faceted summer event.

Sue Hafemeister explained the budget codes to the board which included the different types of invoices paid, how library bills are paid and the accounts they are paid from, the bills & services reports approved at the board meeting, and the different revenue sources used by the library.

The Library Board discussed the County Budget for 2009 and the Library Amendment presented by the board.

The Trustees Essential #10 was discussed regarding developing essential Library policies. Policies provide the framework for library operations and services. They help to ensure high-quality library service that provides for community needs, wise use of library resources, and fair treatment of library staff and library users. The Director and staff develop the policies and the Library Board revises and/or approves them. It is very important that all policies be legal.

Request for Future Agenda Items

- Follow up on Amendment to the County for additional budget funds

Meeting adjourned at 1:16.

Library Director