

Regular meeting of the Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees, Monday September 15, 2008. Headquarters Library, Wausau Room.

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

Others: Marla Sepnafski, Wisconsin Valley Library Service Director
Garrett Erickson, Support Services Team Manager
Mike Hartkopf, Customer Services Team Manager
Chris Luebbe
Sue Hafemeister, Library Business Specialist

Meeting was called to order at 12:04 by President Gina Cornell.

Gina Cornell welcomed the visitors to the meeting.

Motion was made by Audrey Ascher to approve the minutes from August 18, 2008. Seconded by David Eckmann. Motion carried.

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

President – no report

Other Board Members – no report

Director's Report – presented by Phyllis Christensen

- Exterior stairway completed
- Upper Parking lot will start construction the week of 9/22/08 to be completed 11/7/08
- Wireless is available in the branches with advertising to the public to be done in October
- Marathon City Village Board has selected a committee to work with the County on the Marathon City Branch Project
- Because of an illness of an employee there is no statistic report for August

County Board of Supervisors

- In contact with Brad Karger to work on the budget amendment for the library

Board Committees

- Personnel Committee met 9/15/08

Friends of the Library – Written report from President Jim Backus

MCPL Foundation

- Working on upcoming fundraising projects

Wisconsin Library Trustees & Friends – Written report from Jim Backus

Wisconsin Valley Library Service – no report

Motion was made by Audrey Ascher to approve the changes in the Circulation Checkout Policy. Seconded by Sharon Hunter. Motion carried.

Marla Sepnafski gave a presentation on “The Wisconsin Way”, where citizens across Wisconsin are working in a continuing, collaborative search for solutions to control property taxes while maintaining superior public services and quality of life. They ask citizens to visit the website, be familiar with the agenda, attend one of the upcoming forums, and share “The Wisconsin Way” with others.

The Library Board discussed the Strategic Vision of the Library developed by the library several years ago. They talked about the Business We are in, the Vision, the Strategies, the Core Values and Behaviors, and the Promises We Keep to Our Customers.

The Trustees Essential #9 was discussed regarding managing the Library’s Money. The Library Board has ultimate responsibility for all aspects of the library financial management. They control the library budget with monthly approval of expenditures, any gifts and donations received by the library other than fines and fees which are deposited to the County, annual reports, and audits by the County. The Trustee should examine all financial reports to stay informed of library financial management.

Request for Future Agenda Items

- Work on Amendment to the County for additional budget funds
- Explanation of Account Breakdowns for Library Budget
- Ribbon Cutting for Exterior Stairway

Meeting adjourned at 1:06.

Library Director