

DEWITT COMMUNITY LIBRARY
August 18, 2011 Board Meeting

Present: Susan Katzoff (presiding), Joanne Chamberlain, Wendy Ressler, Wendy Scott, Director, Rosalie Young, Cindy Vinciguerra, Sybil Schultz, Elaine Ryan, Michael Vaughan, Leigh Neumann, Hayley Schultz, Andrew Ursino

Absent: Kathy Brodsky, Dr. Renee Franklin Hill, Barb McClure, Steve Lux

Guests: Daryl Gonchoroff

Recording: Cindy Vinciguerra

Call to order (Susan Katzoff). The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm.

Approval of the Minutes of July 21, 2011

The July 2011 meeting minutes of the Dewitt Community Library Board were approved. The motion was made by Joanne Chamberlin and seconded by Wendy Ressler; Leigh Neumann abstained. Minutes were passed.

New Business:

Request for Participants of Personnel Committee: Hayley Schultz, Leigh Neumann will continue to serve on the Personnel Committee. Dr. Renee Franklin Hill will chair the committee.

Inquiry Received from Mr. Solomon, Potential Resident: Mr. Solomon has expressed his inquiries in writing to Susan Katzoff and Wendy Ressler about future library sites, specifically the Scibilia Property.

2% Tax Cap: Next year, we will not be able to increase the tax burden by 2%.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: Wendy Ressler reported that Board members should please send suggested names of potential nominees to sit on the Board to Steve Lux. Any current Board Member whose term is expiring in 2012 and would like to run again, please let Steve Lux know of your intentions.

Fundraising Committee: Joanne Chamberlin
Letters are ready. The “stuffing” party is on Monday, October 3rd 9:00am in the DCL Board Room. All are welcome to come help stuff the envelopes.

Strategic Planning Committee: Rosalie Young
Committee was pleased with ideas and participation from the Board at the July meeting. Many of the ideas have been incorporated. Copies of the goals, actions and timeline were

distributed to Board members. Please give comments or suggestions to members of the Strategic Planning Committee by Friday, September 2. The hope is to have the completed Strategic Plan with a summary, and mission and vision statements available for comment and possible adoption in September.

Executive Director's Report: Wendy Scott

A counterfeit check was identified and cashed in a garage in Rochester. Police have been notified. A new account has been opened. Money has been returned to the account.

Rebekkah Smith Aldrich has recommended some changes that the library was able to do now. Staff Picks has been relocated for increased visibility. A community bulletin board above the book sale cart replaced the cluttered shelving formerly used for this purpose. Oversize books were relocated, allowing for more shelving room for current events and social issues in the non-fiction collection. Audio-cassettes were withdrawn.

A new technology for families was passed around for Board members to view. The Playaway View is pre-loaded with children's books or movies. The library has about 11 of them.

The Library has just acquired an I-Pad and NOOK Touch. The Staff Technology Day will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2011 to further learn and explore the latest in technology.

Tomorrow, August 19, 2011 the Summer Program ends with a party. The Library is already ready for fall programs. There will be 16 Senior programs offered. Most are daytime programs.

October 14, 2011 is the Dewitt Community Library Senior "Fair". The Senior fair will feature a total of 16 participants. Some of them are: DeWitt Parks and Recreation, Oasis, JCC, and Assemblymen Sam Roberts will be there. Hearing screening and blood pressure screening will be offered.

TGIF fundraiser took in \$192.39

Canal Day was a success. 130 people came to the table.

Treasurer Report: The issue now is waiting for the large check in November. A suggestion was to use the line of credit for October operating expenses. A recommendation was made to table this for September's Board of Trustees meeting to determine which account to take the money out of for October's operating costs. In the mean time, Michael Vaughn and Wendy Scott will sit down to discuss the budget.

Friend's Report: Next event is January 18, 2012. Charles "Chuck" D'Imperial will be there to speak about monuments. Spring Tea is in the process of being planned. On

November 11 and 12 there will be a “Books and Brownies” event at the library. Baked goods will be accepted by the Friends for this event.

Public Comment: The fundraiser was very nice.

Old Business: None

Facilities Committee: Wendy Ressler

If anyone has any recommendations for a site please let the facilities committee know. Properties that the committee has been looking at were discussed.

- Quartier Printing may be available on Bridge Street.
- 7 acres of land is available on Bridge Street but unknown if it is available to build on.
- Widewaters & Towpath Road has a lot of land there, but may be too far from the Jamesville Charter to Serve Area.

Wendy Ressler moved to go into Executive Session. Leigh Neumann and Joanne Chamberlin seconded.

A motion was made to return to regular session by Wendy Ressler and seconded by Susan Katzoff.

Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made by Wendy Ressler and seconded by Susan Katzoff. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Vinciguerra, (Graciously filling in for Kathy Brodsky, Secretary)