

DEWITT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

June 21, 2012 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Wendy Ressler, President at 5:35 pm.

Wendy thanked Wendy Scott and her staff for all of their extra work on the birthday celebration, the book sale, and all of their extra work on the legal issues facing the library.

Present: Wendy Ressler, John Millar, Kathy Brodsky, Elaine Ryan, Rosalie Young, Joanne Chamberlain, Carl Austin, Sybil Schultz, Andrew Ursino, Wendy Scott

Community Members present: Linda Wozniak

Absent: Julian Modesti, Barb McClure, Cindy Vinciguerra, Susan Katzoff, Steve Lux

The minutes of the May 17, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously after a motion was made by Joanne Chamberlain and seconded by Elaine Ryan.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Ryan (Report attached)

The balances were reviewed by Elaine. Questions were answered and Wendy Scott made a correction that will be incorporated in the report.

Director's Report: Wendy Scott (Report attached)

Summer hours begin 6/23. The book sale was successful.

Summer reading program discussed.

Library will use a new computer program for registrations and room reservations.

Senior Fair: October 26, 2012

50th anniversary fair is September 22, 2012 at Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church

HVAC system issues continue; Wendy Scott worked with mall management and company that services the HVAC system to begin resolving the issues. John Millar is also involved in this process and has reviewed the facility.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: Cindy Vinciguerra (Wendy Ressler presented report in Cindy's absence)

Cindy requests that current board members suggest future board members.

By-Laws: Joanne Chamberlain-

Recommended changes to Article 3 and Article 7, Number 1.

Article 3 Change to read: All persons of legal voting age residing in the Served Area or in the Jamesville Dewitt School District not included in the Served Area shall be eligible voting members...

Joanne Chamberlain made a motion to make the recommended change and Rosalie Young seconded it; the motion passed unanimously.

Article 7, Number 1 to read: be of legal voting age and shall reside within the Served Area or in the area of the Jamesville Dewitt School District not included in the Served Area, at the time of his/her election or appointment and during his/her term of office.

Joanne Chamberlain made the motion and John Millar seconded; the recommended change was made.

Wendy Ressler made a motion to change the order of the next agenda items; this was seconded and unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Financing of the new photocopier was discussed. One half of \$11,696 will be owed at time of delivery and half a month later.

Carl Austin made a motion seconded by John Millar to use the \$11,696 from the unrestricted fund. Unanimously passed.

Legal Fees: First bill from the attorney was \$18,000+. The attorney agreed to receive payment in installments. One third, or \$6,000 has been sent. The insurance company for DCL denied the claim. NYLA also states unable to assist with the defense.

Options for paying the legal fees are

1. Money from the operating funds
2. Money from the board designated fund
3. Mount a public campaign for donations.

Wendy Ressler made a motion to use money from the board designated fund to pay legal fees in the Murphy case. Discussion followed with questions from Carl Austin and John Millar. Elaine Ryan seconded the motion.

The following statement recommended by the DCL Board's legal counsel was read into the minutes:

"The library fully intended to use the additional money raised by taxes for a building fund for a new library, but did not foresee that it would be sued and now needs to expend a small portion of this fund to defend itself in this suit challenging the validity of the Library's main funding source."

The motion was put to a vote and was approved unanimously.

Facilities Report: Rosalie Young will report in July, 2012

A motion to adjourn was made by Rosalie Young and seconded by John Millar. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Submitted respectfully by Kathy Brodsky, Secretary