

Minutes for
Library Board of Trustees
Regular meeting – July 23, 2013

1. Call to Order
5:05 PM

2. Roll Call

Present: Alicia Kershaw, Diane Gilson, Angie Cameruci, Natalie Van Houten, Deb Gossman, Alice Kelsey, and Gloria Lynema

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Angie, seconded by Natalie, all agreed.

4. Public Comment

No Public Comment.

5. Approval of minutes – May and June

Motion made by Diane, seconded by Gloria, all agreed.

6. Review Bills and Budget

Watson Township Check not shown in June budget. Alicia indicated she had not received a July budget as of yet. She added that it initially takes a bit to get things straightened out with what goes on the 2012/2013 versus the 2013/2014 budget year.

7. Directors Report

No MLA updates.

All of the computer networking updates are done. Staff can pick and choose who gets the internet password, so people cannot get free internet in the parking lot now. Alicia plans to change the password on a monthly basis. She has been entering the password herself for people and making sure the computers are not automatically connecting.

Alicia has started the process of signing up for Overdrive. Staff are completing training videos at this time, but no go live date is available at this point.

Summer reading program is doing well. The program has registered 92 children, 35 teens, and 27 adults. Registration for the children's reading program may be down this year, but participation at programs has been higher. The library hosted 47 participants at the John Ball Park traveling zoo program this past Saturday. The teens compiled a time capsule yesterday to be dug up in 4 years, 17 teens participated.

Alicia has started planning for fall story times, including an author visit from Amanda Barber on September 13.

The library is participating in the Michigan Works Youth program. The youth worker is in her third week already and is working out very well. She only has two weeks left in the placement. She is doing a great job at the library, arriving on time and getting right to work when she arrives.

As of July 1, MELCAT went to a 3 day delivery system from a 2 day system. There is no additional fee incurred by the library, as MELCAT wanted to make things more efficient and went with a 3 day delivery system to accomplish that.

Penal fines from Barry County came in and while last years amount was \$3703, this years amount was \$5368.

8. Old Business

a. Mission Statement

Proposed Mission Statement: "The Place to read, to learn, to be"

Motion made by Alice, seconded by Deb, all agreed.

Alicia reported plans to start using the mission statement, but has no specific plans at this time.

Vision statement to be reviewed in September, be thinking of ideas.

b. Open House Committee meets on July 29 @ 5pm

Alice, Gloria, Alicia and Angie – all can still make it.

9. New Business

a. Newsletter List – Natalie suggested we expand the people and entities that receive our newsletter. She added Don Black specifically would like a copy. She provided Alicia with a list of people and entities to include on the mailing list. She expressed she feels we owe people a service if they provide us with money or public service such as politicians. She also indicated invitations to politicians and entities that support us should be sent out for the celebration in October. Diane suggested Governor Rick Snyder too as he has a home on Gun Lake.

b. Historical presentations – Alice spoke with Darcy Doezema's husband Scott. He has been working on the cemeteries repairing stones and such. He wants to give a presentation on the symbolism of tombstone markers. He asked the library to allow him to come and do the presentation. Alice suggested he do the presentation at the book club meeting in the October and the library make it open to the public as well. Natalie suggested we have other speakers invited to speak at book club meetings in the future.

10. Updates on Township meetings

Watson Township: Angie updated on the township on the library's budget and programming. Also discussed an incident with audience member that resulted in the township supervisor contacting Angie directly with an explanation and apology.

Orangeville: Alice sent email updates to the township, as she was unable to attend the scheduled meeting.

Martin: Alice attended the meeting and asked permission from the township to bury the time capsule under the tree, they agreed as long as a marker is placed there.

Alice reported Christie Fontaine approached her regarding the historical display at library. She asked if the library liked it or wanted it switched out – Alice said “yes we love it”, but will now report back that the board does love it and would love to have her switch things out as available. She added some local historians are planning to give Martin historical documents to the Allegan Historical Society for preservation. Alice suggested the library should display those items in the future when adequate space is available.

Village: Natalie provided an update, including a story about the adult book club, and a joke about referencing bringing food related to the book theme.

Deb cannot attend the August 14 Martin Township meeting, Diane agreed to cover.

11. Public Comment

No Public Comment

12. Board Member Comment

Natalie commented she thought our meeting went well. Gloria commended Alicia on all she does for the library and its patrons.

13. Next meeting – August 27, 2013

14. Adjournment

Motion made by Alice, seconded by Gloria, all agreed.

6:01 PM