

Minutes for
Library Board of Trustees
Regular meeting – August 27, 2013

1. Call to Order
4:59 PM

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Public Comment

No Public comment.

5. Approval of minutes

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

6. Review Bills and Budget

Bills reviewed, no questions.

7. Directors Report

No new MLA updates, none since April.

MI Works Youth Program student worked out really well. MI Works asked if library would be willing to take someone in the future, Alicia indicated we would. Ebooks program is up and running, lots of good comments about it and lots of questions. No reports have been run yet to indicate usage.

Summer reading statistics: 2012 and 2013 sheets handed out to compare. K thru 6th grade 2013 numbers were down significantly. However, percentage of kids that completed the program remained about the same. Alicia has heard from program speakers that all area libraries are reporting with decreased numbers.

Surveys were sent out, one for teens and one online. Some feed back was received. Alicia indicated she will look at the survey results and decide what if anything we want to do differently next year. Very little negative feedback was received. Deb indicated she had a complaint about the ways we do prizes. Specifically, patron's daughter didn't win any prizes despite the large amount read; however, the person could offer no suggestions as to a more "democratic" way to do it. Alicia indicated she is open to suggestions and ideas as long as the ideas stay within the budget. Natalie suggested that the people who didn't win something get their names put in a bucket with an opportunity to win something else.

The Scholastic Book Fair resulted in \$380 in free books.

Library planning lots of activities in September and October. Fall toddler time will restart on September 17, Saturday programs restart with a little Halloween party on October 26. The Teen program starts up in 3 weeks and will host a fall party on November 4. local Author, Amanda Barber from Jackson, MI will be at the library for a meet and greet on September 13. The book club will meet September 23, at both 12 pm and 6 pm.

8. Old Business

a. Reminder to start thinking of Vision Statements for September's meeting.

b. Open house committee update

Committee planning a month full of activities versus a week long event. Discussed participatory activities including I-spy, quotes on Facebook and library trivia questions on the Facebook as well. Ice cream social planned from 5 – 7 PM for Monday September 30 to kick things off; four local authors to come that night as well. Chris Carmen is willing to give a good deal on ice cream potentially; they sell Plainwell ice cream. Friends of the library awareness week open house planned for October 26 with cider and donut holes. Next meeting planned for September 4 at 1:30 PM. A task list to go to the board, the township, the friends, the community following the meeting. Committee wants to involve everyone, the more the merrier, in an attempt to try to bring everyone together at the library. We will need to make flyers or displays to present what we want to do during the month. Briefly discussed prizes and potential sources for those prizes.

Alice also indicated Scott KuyKendall wants to do a powerpoint presentation about cemetery symbolism. This event has been scheduled for October 21.

9. New Business

a. Marlene Leep – Marlene was approached by Peg Steele et al. about Martin history. They used to do the Ms. Martin queen contest and asked if the library would like the pictures of the past queens. Marlene volunteered to put the pictures in an album and give it to the library. Marlene came across a book and pictures on the history of Martin and other local cities at the library garage sale. She asked the person who purchased it to return it to the library when completed with it.

b. Michicard vs. Visiting Patron – Michicard is ending in December. The library needs to come up with a way to serve our Orangeville patrons who currently use the Delton library via a Michicard sticker from our library. Delton library is not sure if they are going to use the Visiting Patron system. Alicia is waiting to hear from the Delton librarian after she talks to her board. Visiting Patron program will be more complicated than the Michicard program is now. Alice requested

information on number of patrons that utilize the Delton library through the current Michicard program. She also suggested the idea of a satellite library in the Orangeville area, as 350 people from Orangeville registered here.

10. Updates on Township meetings

Martin Township: Deb indicated the fire fighters did not get as much grant money as hoped and they will only be able to purchase 1 AED.

Village of Martin: Village is getting the newsletter.

Watson Township: Angie did not attend.

Orangeville Township: Alice indicated the board had no questions and there is nothing new to report.

11. Public Comment

No Public comment.

12. Board Member Comment

No Board comment

13. Next meeting: September 24, 2013 at 5pm

14. Adjournment

5:53 PM

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