

Minutes for
Library Board of Trustees
Regular meeting – September 23, 2014

1. Call to Order
5:02 PM
2. Roll Call
Alice Kelsey, Diane Gilson, Natalie Van Houten, Gloria Lynema, Angie Cameruci and Alicia Kershaw;
Absent – Beth Parks
3. Approval of Agenda
Motioned by Gloria, seconded by Natalie
4. Public Comment
Nan discussed how busy MELCAT is, and she and Alicia discussed how the process works.
5. Approval of minutes
Motioned by Gloria, seconded by Angie
6. Review Bills and Budget
Discussed how some lines had been removed from the budget sheet and other lines added, making for questions. Alicia indicated she would check with Carrie and get back to the board on the line items and corrections.
7. Directors Report
MLA handout included in board member packets, indicates election materials and information. Summer reading program stats are in and numbers are very low. Last year total registered was 134, this year 122. Finishing numbers were down from 71% last year to 63% this year. Actual participation time/pages were down as well. Board discussed decrease. However, overall attendance for the programs was improved. Alicia passed around prize list. Board discussed survey results as well. Summer school reading program reports submitted to Dollar General, 237 hours of volunteer hours turned in by the teens. Pre and post test results indicated improvement in 23 out of 60 children. Alicia indicated that she plans to put in for the grant again next year as well. New computers are in and are slowly being installed. The reimbursement papers have been submitted for the technology grant. Board discussed what to do with the old computers, including donating to the resource center, giving back to the township and selling them. Adult book club met yesterday and made plans for the year, three new members recorded. Toddler time is in the process of rebuilding as many students were lost to school. Saturday programs being changed and upgraded to accommodate older children, utilizing chapter books for a 4-5 week period instead of just books geared toward younger children. Teen group made noise makers and discussed activities for the upcoming year, next group will have a fall party.
8. Old Business
No new business.
9. New Business
Discussed applying for the technology grant again when the new budget year for the coop begins in October and doing so before our budget year begins next year.

10. Updates on Township meetings

Village of Martin: Natalie sent a typed update to Darcy but never received a response. Alice indicated Darcy read the update at the meeting.

Martin Township: Diane attended. Don Black again indicated he loves the newsletter.

Orangeville Township: Alice attended and had no updates.

Watson Township: No updates.

11. Public Comment

No public comment.

12. Board Member Comment

Alice reported on the Friends of the Library: Looking forward to the Christmas tree program and soliciting groups to do make trees. Book and Bake sale will be the first Friday and Saturday in November.

13. Next meeting

October 28, 2014

14. Adjournment

Motioned by Angie, seconded by Gloria.

5:49 PM