

Minutes
MI Library Board Meeting
3-8-10

The meeting was called to order by President Becky Hogan at 5:38 p.m. Those **present:** Kimberly Jones, Liz Ryder, Becky Hogan, Connie Ross

Public comment: None

Minutes: Becky moved to accept the previous month's minutes as read. Liz Ryder seconded it. Motion carried.

Treasures report: Connie reported that Barb Nelson could maybe make a computer generated monthly treasures report if Connie gave her the information. This would make the report up to date at our meetings and more professional looking. We had two fills for gas expense, 1/20/2010 for \$483.59 and 2/16/2010 for \$589.63 total of \$1073.22. Our total budget left is \$93,819.62. Kim made a motion to approve the treasures report. Becky seconded it. Motion carried.

Budget: Connie will ask Barb Nelson regarding the library painting project funds to find out what category this shows up under in the budget.

Funds/County funding: We will ask for funding from the Island Association for the 50th Anniversary Celebration, and perhaps also check with the LaPointe Center. AIACF already has an application from the Town of LaPointe and may only accept one from them.

Discussed possible "Garden Themes" for decoration or a play for the Anniversary celebration. Connie did not think she would have time to produce a play. Becky found an application for the "Best Small Library in the Nation" to apply for \$15,000 from the Melinda & Bill Gates Foundation.

Building Maintenance: This is due November 5, 2010. We will put this application on hold until next mtg. We will try to get the painting project done before the celebration. Connie said the rug downstairs is in bad shape and there was discussion on cost to reweave it which Connie had discussed with Jim Kasperson from the Woods Craft Hall. Connie will get an estimate as Jim thought maybe he could find some weavers who would donate their time to do this. Liz mentioned to maybe just save a part of the old rug to use into a new rug, which would last longer as the rug is now 50yrs old. Kim mentioned it may be hard to find weavers who could spend that much time on reweaving the old rug.

Collections: Liz Ryder found ten of the missing Bella Capser Collection titles on Amazon.com We discussed purchasing these to make the collection as complete as possible. Kim made a motion to purchase the replacement books from Amazon and use the Bristol Funds for this. These books will be placed in the museum with the rest of the collection. Becky seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Connie reported that Hugh Fitzgerald donated beautiful leather bound books to the library. They have been placed on the shelves in the reading room. They will be for in-library use only.

Policies: Nothing to report

Programs and Activities: The MIST Program went well. Connie bought eight helmets for skiers, we had two so now there is ten total. The first day there were 9 children, the second day there were 8, and the third day 14 children participated. These were Saturdays.

Total cost from Cultural Fund:

\$320 helmets from Bodins, \$698 Mt Ashwabay, Windsled Inc. cost still unknown

Discussed 50th Anniversary Celebration costs:

Lotta's catering: \$7 to \$10 pr person

Music Camp: \$200.00 for musicians

Outside Banner:?

Printing Plus:?

T-Shirts: ?

Tote bags:?

Plaque:?

Posters:?

Becky said that the discussion questions were out on the Duluth library's web site for the books "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle" and "Seed Folks" which are the books for the "Community Read" to help celebrate the library's 50 yrs of growing theme. Liz Ryder will use the discussion questions for "Book Club" and Ludlow will be reading "Seed Folks" to the Middle - School group.

Promotion and Advertising: Connie will distribute bookmarkers that she has made for the Anniversary Celebration. Connie showed us the posters that will be put out, and she will get the banner made and put up by mid-May.

Personnel and Board Members: Connie met with Tom Wojciechowski to discuss the strategic planning that will be taking place on March 13, 2010 from 12:30 –4:30pm at the library. He will lead this and was recommended by Jim Trojanowski of the NWLS. Becky read a letter from Jim Trojanowski regarding why to have Tom and about strategic planning. There is no cost for Tom to do this planning with the library board.

Liz R. made a motion for Becky Hogan and Kimberly Jones to continue in their respective offices as President and Vice-President of the Library Board. Kim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Connie handed out the Annual Report for us to see and Becky signed it.

Becky gave information to the board and Connie for a class for her to attend at WITC on XCEL Beginning MS. Connie wants to take this as it will help her with the financial reports and working with Barb Nelson on these reports.

Bills:

La Pointe Gas	1,073.22	Omer Nelson	58.78
Bodin's	320.00	Feature Films/Families	3085
Ashwabay Outdoor Ed.	698.00	Wal-Mart	12.00
Mayo Clinic Health Letter	29.55	Creative Knitting	19.97
Cicada	28.95	Prevention Mag.	17.94
House Beautiful	14.97		

Kim made a motion to approve bills. Becky seconded it. Motion carried.

Adjourn. Kim made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm Becky seconded it. Motion carried.

Minutes written and submitted by Liz Ryder