

K. McNeely called the regular meeting of the Menominee County Library Board to order at 2:00 PM on Thursday, February 12, 2009.

Roll call was taken and present were K. Bates, J. Bejgrowicz, M. Erdman and K. McNeely. S. Parsons was excused.

J. Bejgrowicz moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by K. Bates, motion carried.

#### Public Participation:

Tom Cheski and Jason Lauzer were in attendance.

M. Erdman moved to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2009 meeting. Seconded by J. Bejgrowicz, motion carried.

M. Erdman moved to approve the financial report. Seconded by J. Bejgrowicz, motion carried.

J. Bejgrowicz moved to approve the February bills and authorize P. Cheski to pay any other invoices received prior to submitting the February 17 voucher. Seconded by K. Bates, motion carried.

#### Director's Report

- A. The statistics for January were distributed in the board packets.
- B. The Friends of the Library will be holding their next meeting on Thursday, February 26. Their January meeting was canceled due to Peggy's car accident.
- C. AT & T – We received our final credit on the February invoice, and everything has been resolved from 2008.
- D. Today, Sally and Ann are participating in the 2009 Summer Reading Program Planning workshop in Green Bay.
- E. The new I.R.S. mileage rate for 2009 is 55 cents per mile.
- F. The 2009 Loleta Fyan Rural Library Conference will be held in Traverse City from April 29 through May 1. The early bird registration is \$125 and includes all materials, programs and meals for the three-day conference. Superiorland Library Cooperative and Spies Public Library are paying for the hotel (3 persons/room) and the mileage. After discussion, the board approved sending Ann Best to participate in the workshop.
- G. Once the weather warmed up, the roof developed a leak over the kitchen and corner of the children's area. Steve Wery came twice and shoveled ice and snow off the roof. He thinks the seal around the exhaust fan may have failed. As soon as it is warm enough, Steve will fix the seal and replace the damaged ceiling tiles in the kitchen.

Old Business:

- A. USF Form 471 for Telecommunication Services – This form was electronically submitted on February 6, and the Line 21 attachments were sent by Certified Mail the same day.
- B. Menominee County I.S.D. Grant – We ordered and are now processing approximately 165 books funded by this \$750 grant. The Family Fun Festival will be held on Saturday, April 18.

New Business:

- A. Kathleen McNeely – Library Board Appointment – K. McNeely told the board that she was chairing the meeting because the County Board had been served with a temporary restraining order on rescinding her appointment. She has joined the lawsuit against three members of the County Board, so could not comment on anything else regarding her appointment.
- B. Books By Mail Program – The board discussed the merits of starting this type of program and suggested that we try it for one year. P. Cheski will submit details at the March meeting.
- C. State Aid – Impact on MCL and Superiorland Library Cooperative – The Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL) has been eliminated and the Library of Michigan will now be part of the Department of Education. We do not yet have details on how this will impact our state aid, or support of the library cooperatives in Michigan.

Other Board Concerns:

Public Participation: Tom Cheski asked why certain news websites (and not others) were blocked by the Internet filtering software.

As there was no further business, M. Erdman moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by J. Bejgrowicz, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.