

J. Bejgrowicz called the regular meeting of the Menominee County Library Board to order at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 16, 2010.

Roll call was taken and present were J. Bejgrowicz, M. Erdman, C. Pfefferkorn and County Board Commissioner Bernie Lang. K. McNeely and S. Parsons were excused.

M. Erdman moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by C. Pfefferkorn, motion carried.

#### Public Participation:

There was no public participation at this time.

C. Pfefferkorn moved to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2010 meeting. Seconded by M. Erdman, motion carried.

The financial report was not available from the County Clerk's Office. The January report will be reviewed at the March meeting.

M. Erdman moved to approve the February bills. Seconded by C. Pfefferkorn, motion carried.

#### Director's Report

- A. The monthly circulation statistics comparisons were distributed in the board packets.
- B. The Friends of the Library will be holding their next director meeting on Thursday, February 25 and their next regular meeting on March 25. They will be voting on paying for two performances by Jenifer Strauss, a story teller, to wrap up our summer reading programs in Hermansville and here in Stephenson on Tuesday, July 13.
- C. We received a thank you from the Menominee County Department of Human Services for our contributions to the Give-A-Kid-A-Book program.
- D. All the tiles floors were cleaned and waxed on Saturday, February 13.
- E. County Administrator Brian Bousley and Jim Mekash stopped by the library to ascertain what maintenance work needs to be done.
- F. After reviewing a letter received from the Friends of Michigan Libraries, Carol Pfefferkorn moved to complete the survey, expressing the library board's tentative interest in joining a possible Board of Trustees membership in the FOML group. Seconded by M. Erdman, motion carried.
- G. The new I.R.S. mileage rate for 2010 is fifty cents per mile.

#### Old Business:

- A. SIRSI/Symphony – Update – SIRSI has developed new staff web software. Superiorland Library Cooperative is scheduling several workshops to demonstrate the software. It has many features similar to what we used in Spectrum, including less screens to do each function.

New Business:

- A. Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) – Round One – We were awarded \$5,000 for five computers, plus the possibility of receiving more funding for additional computers, printers, wiring, etc.
- B. BTOP – Round Two – Community Ties Proposal Collaboration – If awarded, we will receive software for basic web design, photo editing, and video editing for two work stations. A still digital camera and a DV camera would also be available for check-out.
- C. Superiorland Library Cooperative – Update on Budget Cuts – Due to a 40% decrease in state aid funding and an 11% reduction in state aid to the U.P. Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, the UPLBPH will be consolidated with the Lansing Talking Book library services. Two full-time positions were reduced to part-time positions with partial benefits, and continuing education funds were cut. These deep cuts were made to protect other resource sharing programs.
- D. United States Census 2010 – The Upper Peninsula office has requested space for a Questionnaire Assistance Center. The library will provide space for one month from March 19 to April 19, 2010. The QAC will be open 15 hours per week.
- E. 2010 Handbook – Certification Manual and State Aid to Public Libraries Grant Rules P. Cheski summarized the changes that became effective on October 1, 2009. Board members discussed providing the County Commissioners with copies of the new handbook.

Other Board Concerns: J. Bejgrowicz suggested the possibility of emailing the board packets, instead of mailing hard copies. The board members had no objection. This will be discussed at a future meeting when a full board is present.

Public Participation: Commissioner Lang commented on how busy the library was, and that he thought the rest of the commissioners were probably unaware of all the services the library provides.

As there was no further business, M. Erdman moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by C. Pfefferkorn, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.