

K. McNeely called the regular meeting of the Menominee County Library Board to order at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, July 17, 2012.

Roll call was taken and present were K. Bates, J. Bejgrowicz, J. Freis, K. McNeely, and C. Peterson.

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

Public Participation: There was no public participation at this time.

C. Peterson moved to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2012 meeting. Seconded by J. Bejgrowicz, motion carried.

J. Bejgrowicz moved to approve the June financial reports. Seconded by J. Freis, motion carried.

C. Peterson moved to pay the July bills. Seconded by J. Bejgrowicz, motion carried.

Director's Report:

- A. The monthly circulation stat comparisons are in the board packets.
- B. The Friends will be holding their annual book sale on Friday, July 27 and Saturday, July 28. The Stephenson Township Board has given them permission to use the hall all next week, so they can sort and set up the sale.

The Friends next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 23.

- C. We just received our funding commitment letter from U.S.F. for the 2012-2013 year.
- D. The Summer Reading Program – Dream Big—READ! ended last Thursday with a great magic show presented by Gordon Russ. Thirty adults and sixty children were enthralled with his magic tricks and humorous remarks. The Star Lab Planetarium programs presented by Frank Best were also a big hit with the children.
- E. U.P. BookTour 2012 – The tour was a great success. We had approximately 30 people here in Stephenson. The poet laureate, Don Hall, entertained the audience with his personal stories about Robert Frost, T. S. Eliot, and Ezra Pound. Authors Ellen Airgood, Ander Monson and Ron Riecki read part of their books and answered many insightful questions. We had fifteen people attend the tour in Hermansville, where the attendees heard Caitlin Horrocks, Ander Monson, Eric Torgersen and Eric Gadzinski.
- F. We received a request from Cheryl Iven, Iron River, Michigan about the Ralph Secord Press book *Alpha-Mastodon Area 1914-1964* written by Mrs. Lydia Whitehead. Their historical society would like permission to revise and update this book. After discussion, K. Bates moved to turn over all rights to the book, after P. Cheski has worked out all the details with Ms. Iven. Seconded by J. Freis, motion carried.

- G. A request was received from the Detroit Job Corps Center for the bookmobile to visit their location. We thanked them for their invitation, but explained that we could not afford to pay for staff time, overnight lodging, or the diesel required to drive to the Detroit area. We recommended that they contact several libraries in the Lower Peninsula who also operate bookmobiles.

Old Business:

- A. 2012-2013 Budget – Revenues – The County Appropriation was increased to offset two increases in expenditures -- \$8,000 more was added to HRA reimbursements and \$10,000 was added for capital outlay bookmobile.

New Business:

- A. Library Air Conditioning and Heating Units – Emergency Replacement – The two 5-ton units stopped working on Thursday, June 21. Valley Mechanical checked the units and recommended that they be replaced due to their age and condition. County Administrator, Brian Bousley, authorized the replacement. It was then determined that the heating exchangers were both rusted through, so Brian also authorized replacing those units. While installing the new units, the 4-ton unit stopped working and was hard-started. The County Administrator also authorized the replacement of this unit. All three units have now been installed and are working. Valley Mechanical will be back in the fall to adjust the gas pressure on the heating units.

Since this was an emergency situation, the County Administrator authorized the replacement units and said the funds would be covered by the County's contingency fund. Even though the library is a county building, the library board discussed the possibility of the library paying for a portion of the cost out of its fund balance. The board postponed taking any action until the County Board makes its decision on the invoice from Valley Mechanical.

- B. Great American Disposal – Contract Renewal – After discussion, C. Peterson moved to allow the contract to automatically renew for one year. Seconded by J. Bejgrowicz, motion carried.
- C. Great Start Parent Coalition – Becki Myers, Parent Liaison for the Great Start Collaborative will be holding a parent café at the library on the second Friday of the month, starting on Friday, September 14. The purpose of the café is to inform parents of Great Start resources available to them, and to interest them in possibly joining the Great Start Parent Coalition.

Other Board Concerns: There were no board concerns at this time.

Public Participation: There was no public participation at this time.

As there was no further business, C. Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by J. Freis, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.