

J. Bejgrowicz called the regular meeting of the Menominee County Library Board to order at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, July 19, 2011.

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

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

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

C. Peterson moved to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2011 meeting. Seconded by J. Freis, motion carried.

M. Erdman moved to approve the financial report. Seconded by C. Peterson, motion carried.

M. Erdman moved to pay the July bills. Seconded by C. Peterson, motion carried.

Director's Report:

A. The monthly circulation stat comparisons are in the board packets.

B. The Friends annual book sale will be held on Friday, July 29 and Saturday, July 30. They are also preparing for the Black Light Camp Show at the Tivoli Theater on Tuesday, August 2 at 6:30 PM.

The Summer Newsletter was mailed last Saturday, and hard copies are available at the circulation desk.

C. The summer reading program concluded on July 12. Children are encouraged to continue reading through August, and they will be eligible to get prizes for every three books they read. In September, the library staff will evaluate this program and begin planning for next year's summer reading program.

D. P. Cheski participated in the Superiorland Library Cooperative board meeting and the County Library Act meeting via ReadyTalk on Thursday, July 14. Both meetings were very informative.

E. On Thursday, July 14, Vincent Babcock of the Employee Benefits Agency in Marquette and Brian Bousley presented the new insurance plan to library staff.

F. As of July 1, the new IRS mileage rate was increased to 55.5 cents per mile.

G. On Sunday, July 3, S. Harris drove the bookmobile in the Fourth of July parade here in Stephenson.

H. The 4-H Photography Camp participants will be displaying their photographs here in the Hayward room beginning the second week in August.

Old Business:

- A. Waste Management Contract – Expires October 1, 2011 – We received the Certified Mail receipt and are waiting to hear from them. We are working on a one-year contract with Great American Disposal.
- B. AT&T Contracts – Update – We are working out the details to ensure that our contracts started on July 1, 2011.

New Business:

- A. Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Preliminary Budget – Update – After discussion, M. Erdman moved to increase the Revenue State Aid and State Aid Pass-Through line items to \$3,164.00, increase Penal Fines to \$70,000.00, decrease the County Appropriation to \$258,830, and increase the Expenditure State Aid line item to \$3,164.00. Seconded by C. Peterson, motion carried.
- B. USF Funding Commitment for Telecommunications – We received our funding commitment letter for USF funding beginning July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
- C. Great Start Regional Resource Center Grant – We received notification that we were awarded a Great Start Regional Resource Center grant. The official details and Memo of Understanding will be sent in the near future. This collection will be a smaller version of the Great Start grants that were awarded to larger U.P. libraries last year.

Other Board Concerns: M. Erdman asked if the library had considered purchasing MP-3 audio books. Discussion ensued about downloadable books and e-books. C. Peterson asked if it would be possible to hold library board meetings on a less frequent basis. This would save money for Per Diems, mileage, etc. P. Cheski will include this topic on the next meeting agenda.

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 11:40 AM.