

K. McNeely called the regular meeting of the Menominee County Library Board to order at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

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

J. Bejgrowicz moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by C. Pfefferkorn, motion carried.

Public Participation:

There was no public participation at this time.

S. Parsons moved to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2010 meeting. Seconded by J. Bejgrowicz, motion carried.

S. Parsons moved to approve the April financial report. Seconded by J. Bejgrowicz, motion carried.

J. Bejgrowicz moved to approve the May 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 hold their annual meeting on May 27 at 3:00 PM. They will be electing officers for the new year. Several people volunteered to weed the garden in front of the library. The Friends will be forming a garden committee to tend to the garden during the summer.
- C. We were contacted by the Bigwater Publishing Company in Garden, Michigan. Donna Winters writes and publishes Great Lakes Romance Books. She sent us 22 titles at no charge, so we could complete our series here in Stephenson, and add a complete set at the Hermansville Branch Library. Donna also expressed interest in doing an author visit.
- D. We have been receiving some very generous donations of books and craft items from different people in the community. These items should contribute to a successful Friends book sale in August.

Old Business:

- A. Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) – Round One—The Government is now requiring Adaptive Technology be installed on at least one computer per library receiving computers under the BTOP Grant. Suzanne from the Superiorland Library Cooperative and Kurt from M.S.U. worked with the Commission for the Blind to determine what was financially feasible. Kurt has resubmitted his proposal and revised budget to include adaptive technology software. We still hope to install the new computers this summer.

Round Two—Merit Network emailed us that their application has progressed to the due diligence phase of review. This phase is expected to take several weeks as the government gathers all of the information they need to justify their decision. Merit is very confident that they may receive the grant to make high-speed broadband a reality across Michigan.

New Business:

- A. Wireless Internet Policy—J. Montgomery now has the capability of filtering our wireless connection. In order to make a good faith effort to monitor children under 18, we will still require a parent or legal guardian's written authorization to allow their children access to the wireless connection using their own laptops or other wireless devices.

After discussion, J. Bejgrowicz moved to revise Number 2 of the Wireless Internet Policy to reflect this change, and to revise the Internet/Computer Use Agreement for Minors. Seconded by C. Pfefferkorn, motion carried.

- B. 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Preliminary Budget – FIRST DRAFT -- The library discussed each line item of the preliminary budget in detail. County Administrator said his office would be distributing revised spreadsheets reflecting the 15% increase in health insurance.

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

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

As there was no further business, J. Bejgrowicz moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:52 AM.