

J. Bejgrowicz called the regular meeting of the Menominee County Library Board to order at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 15, 2011.

Roll call was taken and present were J. Bejgrowicz, M. Erdman, and J. Freis. K. McNeely was excused. C. Peterson joined the meeting at 11:05 AM.

M. Erdman moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by J. Freis, motion carried.

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

J. Freis moved to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2011 meeting. Seconded by M. Erdman, motion carried.

M. Erdman moved to approve the Fiscal Year-End and October financial reports. Seconded by J. Freis, motion carried.

M. Erdman moved to pay the November bills. Seconded by J. Freis, motion carried.

Director's Report:

- A. The monthly circulation stat comparisons are in the board packets.
- B. The Friends Holiday Festival raffle was very successful. The raffle winners were all delighted with their prizes. The Friends next regular meeting will be on Thursday, January 26, 2012.
- C. Once again this year, we will be participating with the Spies Public Library and Aurora Books in collecting books for the Give-A-Kid-A-Book program in Menominee County.
- D. The November Trustee Workshop Webinar has been postponed until December 8 at 1:00 PM Eastern time. Attorney Anne Seurnyck will be presenting her workshop on the Michigan Library Privacy Act. The workshop will be archived, so trustees unable to participate on December 8 can view the workshop at their convenience.
- E. We have been receiving numerous book donations, including 29 yearbooks that we are adding to the local history collection.
- F. After discussion, the board decided to renew its membership in the Friends of Michigan Libraries Trustee organization.

Old Business:

- A. Great Start Regional Resource Center Grant – Update – We are planning on a tentative open house sometime in December to highlight these new resources. The I.S.D. is also interested in placing a computer in our library with selected websites for parents.
- B. AT&T – Update – We are still working with them to straighten out the billing.

New Business:

- A. Mike Erdman – Library Board Term Expires December 31, 2011 – M. Erdman informed the board that he would not be applying for reappointment.
- B. Library Board Meetings – After discussion, M. Erdman moved to hold the next meeting on December 13 at 10:00 AM, the January 17, 2012 meeting at 11:00 AM, and the February 21, 2012 reorganizational meeting at 11:00 AM. Seconded by C. Peterson, motion carried.
- C. Library Director Evaluation – The Board will use the same format as previous years and evaluate the director in a Closed Session at the December meeting.
- D. Friends of the Library Projects – The Friends will be decorating the garden area with winter decorations. Solander Electric will install an outdoor outlet in the front of the building so the decorations can be illuminated. The Friends are also considering the installation of instant hot water units by the sinks in the restrooms, kitchen and work areas of the library.

Other Board Concerns: C. Peterson asked if the library would consider a reading program that has dogs in the library to help calm young readers.

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

As there was no further business, J. Freis moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by M. Erdman, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:23 AM.