

K. McNeely called the regular meeting of the Menominee County Library Board to order at 11:01 AM on Tuesday, September 20, 2011.

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

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

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

C. Peterson moved to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2011 meeting. Seconded by M. Erdman, motion carried.

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

C. Peterson moved to pay the September bills and authorize P. Cheski to pay any remaining bills for the fiscal year. Seconded by M. Erdman, motion carried.

Director's Report:

- A. The monthly circulation stat comparisons are in the board packets.
- B. The Friends held their regular meeting on Thursday, September 1. They are planning for the October 16 Fall Gathering at Little Nugget. Invitations will be mailed next week.

The Friends are also preparing for the Holiday Festival raffle to be held on Saturday, November 5 at the Stephenson High School.

- C. It appears that our fiber installation will not take place until the Spring of 2012. Merit Network is concentrating on doing installations along US-2 this Fall.
- D. P. Cheski attended a Department Head/Elected Officials meeting last Friday, September 16. We discussed Senate Bill 7 (employee contribution on health care), tracking the residence of people serviced in each courthouse department, and the 2011-2012 budget.
- E. P. Cheski also participated in a webinar on September 20 on Senate Bill 7. One of the interesting points made was that when the Federal healthcare Bill Portability Act is implemented in 2014, the Michigan Senate Bill 7 will be in violation of the federal bill. The Federal regulation stipulates that an employee will pay no more than 10% of healthcare premiums, and the Michigan bill states 20%, or more if caps are enacted.
- F. The USF Forms 486 and 472 for current funding will be filed electronically this week.
- G. A copy of the Superiorland Home Page was distributed, with the "Learn Online" section highlighted. Several free webinars for Library Trustees are being offered by Anne Seurnyck from Foster Swift.

Old Business:

- A. Great Start Regional Resource Center Grant – Update – We have received all of the Great Start resources and have started cataloging these items.

New Business:

- A. Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Preliminary Budget – Update – The County Board held a public hearing on the budget on Tuesday, September 13, and they should be approving this budget next Tuesday, September 27.
- B. Library Board Per Diems – Board Per Diems were eliminated by the County Board when they changed their by-laws on July 26, 2011. This line item was removed from the library's 2011-2012 budget.
- C. Board By-Laws – Monthly Meetings – Discussion – After discussion, the board members decided to continue holding monthly board meetings, and then suggested several changes to the by-laws. P. Cheski will make the appropriate changes and provide amended by-laws for approval at the October meeting.
- D. Superiorland Library Cooperative Board Appointment – Joan Brown – After discussion, J. Freis moved to appoint Joan Brown as our library's voting member on the Superiorland Library Cooperative board from October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012. Seconded by J. Bejgrowicz, motion carried.

Other Board Concerns: K. McNeely expressed her concerns for potential liability using library personnel to deliver and pickup books at Spies Library. P. Cheski is exploring the possibility of having the van service deliver books at the library in Stephenson.

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

As there was no further business, J. Bejgrowicz moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by C. Peterson, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:34 AM.