

K. McNeely called the regular meeting of the Menominee County Library Board to order at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, January 20, 2009.

Roll call was taken and present were J. Bejgrowicz, M. Erdman and K. McNeely. K. Bates and S. Parsons were excused.

K. McNeely turned the meeting over to P. Cheski to begin the reorganizational part of the meeting.

P. Cheski opened the floor for nominations for Library Board President. M. Erdman nominated K. McNeely, and J. Bejgrowicz seconded the nomination. No other persons were nominated. M. Erdman moved to close nominations. Seconded by J. Bejgrowicz, motion carried.

J. Bejgrowicz moved to elect K. McNeely as Library Board President. Seconded by M. Erdman, motion carried.

P. Cheski then turned the meeting over to K. McNeely, who opened the floor for nominations for Library Board Vice President.

M. Erdman nominated K. Bates, and J. Bejgrowicz seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. M. Erdman moved to close nominations. Seconded by J. Bejgrowicz, motion carried.

M. Erdman moved to elect K. Bates as Library Board Vice President. Seconded by J. Bejgrowicz, motion carried.

After discussion, M. Erdman moved to hold the regular board meetings at 4:00 PM on the third Tuesday of the month. The June, July and August meetings will be held at 10:00 AM. All meetings will be held in Stephenson, unless a meeting at the Hermansville Branch Library is specifically requested by Hermansville residents. Seconded by J. Bejgrowicz, motion carried.

After review of the current by-laws, J. Bejgrowicz moved to maintain the current by-laws. Seconded by M. Erdman, motion carried.

M. Erdman moved to end the reorganization meeting and resume the regular board meeting at 4:06 PM. Seconded by J. Bejgrowicz, motion carried.

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

#### Public Participation:

Commissioner Dick Peterson said he would try to attend some of the library board meetings.

J. Bejgrowicz moved to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2008 meeting. Seconded by M. Erdman, motion carried.

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

M. Erdman moved to approve the January bills. Seconded by J. Bejgrowicz, motion carried.

Director's Report

- A. The statistics for December were distributed in the board packets.
- B. The Friends of the Library will be holding their next meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2009. We needed to replace our four entrance mats in the library entrance, and the Building and Grounds Department did not have the funds in their budget. We approached the Friends and they offered to purchase four 4' x 8' mats for us, at a total cost of \$427.80.
- C. AT & T–We received another credit on our January, so there is no invoice from AT&T this month. The billing has not been corrected, so the February invoice should show our actual charges, less the \$65 remaining credit balance.
- D. On Thursday, February 12, Sally and Ann will be participating in the 2009 Summer Reading Program Planning workshop to be held in Green Bay. The charge is \$5.00 for this workshop, sponsored by the Nicolet Federated Library System. The Michigan Library Association workshop in Escanaba costs \$130 per person, so we elected to participate in the Green Bay workshop instead.
- E. Pomp's Tire Service sent us a quote for \$218.00 each for the four rear bookmobile tires. This is the same amount that was quoted last year, when we requested funds in our 2008-2009 budget. We will order these tires from Pomp's and they will be delivered to Business on Wheels, who will install the tires for us.

Old Business:

- A. Meeting Room Policy–After discussion, the board decided to table this item until the library receives an opinion from the County Administrator and Prosecuting Attorney, and a full library board is present.

New Business:

- A. Library of Michigan Annual Report–This report was filed electronically with Library of Michigan on January 7, 2009 and the certification was mailed the same day.
- B. Gates Foundation Broadband Assessment Project–We electronically submitted the broadband assessment for the main library in Stephenson and our branch library in Hermansville.

Funds from this grant can be used to increase and sustain high-speed internet connections in libraries throughout Michigan. The program will also provide support for training to help libraries address technical challenges related to sustaining high-quality Internet service and E-Rate.

- C. USF Form 471 for Telecommunication Services–We are working with a new representative from AT&T to obtain a quote for services from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Then we will file the 471 form.

- D. Menominee County I.S.D. Great Parents! Great Start! Grant–The local I.S.D. has received a grant (delayed from the 2007-2008 funding year). Spies Library and we will each receive \$750 to purchase children's books geared to the newborn through 5 year-old age group. We will also be participating in the Family Fun Festival tentatively scheduled for sometime in April 2009.

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

Public Participation: Commissioner Peterson said to keep up the good work.

As there was no further business, M. Erdman moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by J. Bejgrowicz, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:16 PM.