

K. Bates called the regular meeting of the Menominee County Library Board to order at 4:40 PM on Tuesday, March 20, 2007.

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

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

Public Participation:

There was no public participation at this time.

J. Bejgrowicz moved to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2007 meeting. Seconded by M. Erdman, motion carried.

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

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

Director's Report

- A. The statistics for February were distributed in the board packets.
- B. The Friends of the Library met on Thursday, March 15. The registration forms and book records are now ready for their Read 100 Books program that will run from April 1, 2007 through April 1, 1008.

The Friends will be hosting a Pajama Story Time on Friday, March 30 at 6:30 at the library. This will be held in conjunction with Jenni Grabowski from the Menominee/Delta Health Department, to celebrate March is Parenting Month. Refreshments will be served, so bring your PJ's or bathrobe and slippers and have some fun.

The Friends are also planning on compiling and selling a cookbook as a fund raiser. Instead of just recipes, there will be photographs and stories about each recipe. This will create an interesting book that can be read by anyone, not just cooks. The Friends next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 19 at 6:30 PM.

- C. We received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Menominee County Department of Human Services for our participation in the Give-A-Kid-A-Book Program last year.
- D. Several years ago, we received legal notice that we were listed as beneficiaries in the will of Ferne Moore, who was a Friend of the Library and greatly enjoyed reading books. P. Cheski has been following up with her conservator at the Wells Fargo Bank. Unfortunately, all of Ferne Moore's assets were used before her death, so the library will not be receiving any funds from her estate.

Old Business:

- A. Menominee County Technology RFP – Ken Marks took an inventory of the library's hardware and software. He said we would be included in the county's RFP for computer and telephone upgrades.

- B. Handicap Accessible Entry Doors – P. Cheski contacted Steve Wery several times. Steve said he would contact John at Esser Paint and Glass to schedule someone to repair the outside handicap button and the left-hand door that won't lock.

New Business:

- A. Superiorland Librarians Advisory Meeting on March 19 – S. Dees distributed a copy of the Cooperative's services. They will ask for suggestion and changes at the annual advisory meeting the end of June.

We completed the online inventory for the Gates Computers and then participated in a Microsoft Publisher 2003 workshop.

In order to do an RFP for cooperative-wide Internet service, we need to do a five-year technology plan by the middle of April. This plan will be signed and kept on file. Then next spring 2008, we will revise and submit the plan to the Library of Michigan for approval. Normally, they only approve a three-year plan, but they will extend it to five years for contract purposes.

- B. Library Law Workshop in Marquette – Tuesday, April 3 – After discussing the topics to be presented, the board decided that it would not be advantageous for P. Cheski to attend this workshop.
- C. State Librarian's Town Meeting in Escanaba – April 18 – It is imperative that many library personnel and trustees attend this workshop to let Nancy Robertson know how vital libraries and library cooperatives are. We should emphasize the damaging effect state aid cuts would do to our cooperative, and ultimately to us. State-wide programs such as Michicard could be eliminated, as well as a cut in staff, hours, and services.

Other Board Concerns: M. Erdman thanked the library and staff for providing an Internet connection for the MSU Extension staff to use.

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

As there was no further business, J. Bejgrowicz moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM.