

**FONTANA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16TH, 2008**

President Murphy called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe McHugh; Genie Murphy; Ann Catlow; Tom Whowell; Micki O'Connell; Dolly Schneidwind; and Mary Kay Frazier

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Ann Pearce

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Krei, Library Director

The November Minutes were unanimously approved on a O'Connell/Schneidwind motion

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nancy Krei, on behalf of the Library, gave a check for \$140 to be divided between two food pantries.

Tom Whowell suggested we thank our donors with something such as a Poinsettia, or Genie could publicly thank donors in the Village Newsletter.

Motion by Whowell/O'Connell to pay the December and January Village bills and the Gift Account and to accept the Petty Cash report. The motion was carried unanimously.

VILLAGE REPORT

- Nancy updated us on the discussion at the CDA meeting.
- There was an ad hoc Joint Services meeting for the purpose of discussing the feasibility of joining services such as EMS, Fire Dept. & Libraries.

NEW BUSINESS

- Nancy Krei informed the board that the water fountain is broken and cannot be repaired.
- Nancy will talk to Peggy Pollit about replacing it.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Tom Whowell asked about the paintings to be donated by George Simons. Dolly Schneidwind said she would be glad to stop by Mr. Simons house and transport some of the paintings. Nancy will work out arrangements.
- Regarding Cindy Wilson's presentation on 11/28/07: Joe McHugh/Schneidwind moved we work with Cindy for no more than \$100 to divide the rehab project in separate sections. It was unanimously accepted. McHugh/Catlow moved to authorize Nancy to get estimates for shelving and computer furniture. It was unanimously accepted. McHugh/Schneidwind moved that Nancy talk with a number of local contractors that might be interested in bidding on the work. It was unanimously accepted.

LAKESHORES REPORT

- LAC meetings held on December 4 and January 8th.
- Lakeshores is to move to a new and larger location in 2008

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- All Holiday activities were a huge success.
- Video tapes are still being circulated, but we have discontinued buying them. We have been receiving donations of boxed set videos and are currently making room for them by selling them in a video clearance sale.
- The Spanish Hola Workshop will be held in Waterford on 1/24.

The next meeting will be February 27th, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Catlow, substituting for Mary Ann Pearce

*approved by the
Fontana Public Library Board
2/27/08*

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT
LAKESHORES REPORT
JANUARY 16, 2008**

The Library really looked wonderful this past Holiday Season! Our tree was fabulous! A very special thank you goes to Jodie Porep for her fantastic decorating! Sharon O'Brien deserves recognition for working her "magic" with our table for the Open House. Thanks to Board members Genie, Micki, Joe, and Mary Kay for attending the Open House. I wanted to express my thanks and appreciation to Micki O'Connell and her sister Barbara Bourjaily for their donations of \$500 each to purchase DVDs in memory of their parents, Royal T. and Nisida A. Besserer.

Lakeshores Report

1. The LAC meetings not have been as passive as in the past. We have had lengthy discussions about the reserve funds. In 2009, Fontana's contribution toward that fund will nearly triple. (In 2008, we will be paying \$276). The meeting in Waterford on 12/4 was also the Holiday Luncheon, and there was training on Director's Station in the afternoon. The meeting on January 8 was in Union Grove. Again, there was a debate about the use of 2008 reserve funds to send Peggy and Jim to the SIRSI Super Conference.
2. The Lakeshores System Board voted unanimously to move the offices to a new location with more space. They will be moving out of the Waterford Library in December 2008. The Library Directors had concerns about the the considerable increase in the rent.
3. Lakeshores will once again be administering a Spanish grant—more details to follow. Lakeshores also received a small grant to convert the libraries having a wireless connection. Since we are wireless, we should be getting money to upgrade our antennae.

Director's Report

4. December was very busy at the Library. We had a very successful Children's program on December 13, with The "Stuff and Fluff" Gingerbread Friends workshop. Rusty Wulff led the music students from the Fontana Elementary School in a very entertaining program at our Holiday Open House on December 14. I was pleased to see Village staff and Trustees make the effort to stop into the Library on that day, even though we had competing events (Public Works Open House)! I think the event was a success, and everyone loved how the Library was decorated. Rick and the staff at the Geneva Inn took good care of us on December 9, and it was a very nice evening. *(However, we missed you, Tom!)*
5. Our Video collection still circulates. We have stopped purchasing new releases in Video, choosing to concentrate on DVDs, but we have had many donations of Videos, including some boxed sets that have never been viewed. We will be adding those to the collection. To make room, we will be weeding heavily and withdrawing non-fiction, duplicates, and some children's videos. We are currently having "Video Clearance Sale" and selling the duplicates and videos that we will not be adding to the collection.
6. On January 24, I will be attending the iHOLA! Workshop in Waterford. The focus is serving on meeting the library service needs of Spanish speakers in the library's community. The workshop is sponsored by a grant to Wisconsin by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. It will be an all-day workshop.
7. I have been busy attending Village meetings in December and January. Those include: Village Board on December 3 and January 7; CDA on January 9, Parks on December 19, the special workshop on January 12, the scheduled meeting for January 16; and Plan Commission on December 17. Our Evening Book Club met on December 18 at Marilyn Oliak's home. They will be meeting on January 17, at the home of Lynn Frost, and will be reading *Three Cups of Tea*.