

**FONTANA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2010**

Library Director Nancy Krei called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Catlow; Mary Kay Frazier; Joseph McHugh; and Tom Whowell

OTHERS PRESENT: Library Director Nancy Krei and Trustee Micki O'Connell

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Diane Lewis; Genie Murphy; and Dolly Schneidwind

Motion by McHugh/Catlow to appoint Tom Whowell as Chair Pro Tem, was approved unanimously.

Tom then presided at the meeting.

The minutes of the November 18, 2009 meeting were approved without negative vote on a Frazier/Catlow motion.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion by McHugh/Whowell to pay the January Village and Gift Account bills, review the December Village and Gift account bills that were previously approved by committee and paid in December, and to accept the December and January Petty Cash reports. The motion carried unanimously. From December 8 through 22, the Library, in lieu of fines, collected \$50.00 that was donated to the Walworth Food Pantry. Nancy distributed a 2009 Donor list. The Board discussed the desire to more publically recognize those donors by displaying the names on a wall plaque or some other similar form of recognition. Tom will consult with Joe Kowalski of BEK Signs to get price quotes and options. Nancy will also recognize the donors in the quarterly Village newsletter.

VILLAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS: The proposed lakefront building was discussed at length. Trustee O'Connell answered questions, and announced that a referendum will be held in June. February 16 will be a primary election to narrow down the field for Walworth County Circuit Judge. That is the only item on the ballot in Fontana. In April, we will elect three Village Trustees and three School Board members.

LAKESHORES REPORT:

Nancy attended the LAC Director's meetings on December 1, and January 12. There will be changes to the delivery procedures that include labeling, and changes to route. Materials will no longer be sorted in Racine, but at the Lakeshores Office.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- The Library's Holiday Open House held on December 11, was a wonderful event! Nancy expressed her thanks and gratitude to all who helped to make it a success. That event was made even more special, with the festive music and entertainment by Diane Lewis. The Library staff was commended for all their efforts. Nancy was especially grateful to Jodie and Margaret for all their help in taking care of details, in decorating the library, and in trimming the tree.
- Gary Stern, from DEMCO Interiors, has made three visits to the library to determine our furniture and shelving needs. He will make his recommendations something in April.
- Read and Romp will resume on January 21. We are thankful that Carol Lobdell is continuing to be our volunteer reader!
- The Summer Reading theme is "Make a Splash @ Your Library!" There are many possibilities for programs with this theme—including having a storytime at the beach.

OLD BUSINESS:

As a cost-cutting measure in the 2010 Village Budget, the cleaning contract was reduced to every other week, instead of every week. The impact of this decision was discussed by the Library Board at length. This arrangement has proven to be unsatisfactory for the library because of the daily usage of the facilities by the public. **Motion by McHugh/Catlow to have Nancy discuss the costs of additional cleaning for the Library with our current cleaning crew, carried without negative vote.**

Motion by McHugh/Frazier to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Kay Frazier, Secretary Pro Tem

*Approved by:
Fontana Public Library Board*