

**FONTANA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2009**

President Genie Murphy called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Kay Frazier; Diane Lewis; Joe McHugh; Genie Murphy;
Mary Ann Pearce; and Dolly Schneidwind

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Krei, Library Director

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ann Catlow and Tom Whowell

The minutes of the September 16, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved on a Schneidwind/Pearce motion.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion by Schneidwind/Frazier to pay the October Village and Gift Account bills and to accept the September Petty Cash report. The motion was carried unanimously.

VILLAGE REPORT:

The Village is very low on funds and is under a spending freeze. There was a lengthy discussion about the current budget freeze and its impact on our library budget. Nancy thanked Genie, Ann, Dolly, Mary Kay and Sharon O'Brien for being the "support team" on September 24 when the Library's 2010 Budget was presented to the Finance Committee. The Library Board stated that Nancy did an admirable job of presenting the Library's budget to the Committee. Nancy also thanked Ann and Dolly for appearing on October 15 for the Village Board/Finance meeting, only to discover that the joint meeting was cancelled, and Finance only, was meeting to review all budget requests.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2010 Library Budget was discussed at length. Although the Library Board was reluctant to make any cuts in the budget, because it was felt that the requests were already at or lower than 2009 levels, the Library Board recognized that 2010 will be a tough economic year, and all departments were being asked to make cuts. The Board felt strongly that the Library should **NOT** cut hours or drastically reduce the hours of the part-time staff. **Motion by Schneidwind/Pearce to reduce the amount requested for Library materials in the 2010 Budget from \$33,150 to \$24,000, carried without dissention.**

LAKESHORES REPORT:

- The laptop computer that the Library will be receiving from the Lakeshores as part of the Job Seeker's Grant has not yet arrived. For the first year, it will be devoted exclusively to compose resumes and for searching for jobs online.
- Jim Novy from Lakeshores was at the Library on September 30 to switch staff e-mail accounts from WISCNET mail to G-mail. Unlike WISCNET, there will be no costs for these accounts.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- On October 2, Nancy attended an all-day workshop in Ft. Atkinson on "What's the Buzz"—customer perceptions.
- Nancy felt that the "Turning the Page" workshop held in Minneapolis October 5-7, and sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Public Library Association was extremely useful, intense, and very worthwhile.
- "Read and Romp" started on September 17. The new format has been well received to date. We are so fortunate that Carol Lobdell has continued to volunteer her services to read and tell stories.
- Nancy will be leaving this afternoon to attend the Wisconsin Library Association Conference in Appleton.
- On November 7 and November 17, Tammy Brooks will be presenting a workshop on making gift tags and/or an Advent Calendar. There will be a cost for the materials, but it is a drop-in workshop.
- The Library's annual Holiday Open House is tentatively scheduled for Friday, December 11.
- Sunday, December 13, was tentatively chosen for the Board/Staff Holiday dinner.

Motion by McHugh/Murphy to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 18.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Pearce, Secretary

*approved by:
Fontana Public Library Board 11/18/09*