

Black River Falls Public Library

Monthly Meeting of the Library Board October 29, 2013

Members present: Jay Eddy, Karen Thayer, Ray Ransom, Tracy Gilbertson, Rhoda Gulso, Carol Olson, Shelly Severson and Nicole Schweitzer. Director Tammy Peasley was also in attendance.

President Ransom called meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Minutes of last month were approved on a motion by Jay with second by Karen. Carried unanimously. August vouchers were approved on a motion by Karen with second by Carol. Carried unanimously.

Tammy's report included an explanation for the Curry Fund. \$2713.53 from it is available to spend on books. \$51465.86 is in a cd that renews in December. The \$25000.00 original gift can then be separated and the interest it earns going to buy books each year. A \$1795.00 bill from April for Sonsalla Heating was due and it brought the capital expenditure balance down to \$272.45. Tammy will keep track of grant money deposited to the city account so we know what's available. The History Room has a second account to pay back a loan for a book printed. A breakdown of all library accounts was done and there will be more sorting of funds. Some software may be used to keep it straight. EMS, Lunda Center and the library each pay the city \$5000.00 each year for bill paying. No other departments do. 2014 budget materials were given out to review for next meeting. Items to be adjusted by then are grants and fees. We'll have a closed session next month to discuss salary increases.

Jody's & Mary's reports are a part of the minutes for the month. Jody is busy reaching out to the community and she also received another grant. Mary is traveling to Ireland.

Tammy spoke more about the benefits of "Growing Wisconsin Readers". Then she gave a presentation about her mission statement, vision and goals for the library. There was info about the future of libraries, internet, ebooks, job aps and tech training. We also saw pictures of libraries she'd visited and things she'd liked about them. We should have separate areas for children, teens, technology and a quiet room. Additional attractive lighting and magazines displayed vertically were ideas we talked about. And creating separate spaces within a big space. There was discussion about not hiring a designer and doing the work ourselves. Tammy learned that there is a renovation committee.

We looked at an updated library brochure. We talked about giving raises based on performance and new ways of doing performance reviews.

Motion to adjourn by Shelly at 6:00. Second by Carol and carried.

Tracy Gilbertson, Secretary