

Black River Falls Public Library

Meeting of the Library Board

August 18, 2015

Members present: Jay Eddy, Tracy Gilbertson, Rhoda Gulso, Carol Olson, Chuck Nibbe, Karen Thayer, Amanda Gunn and Shelly Severson. Nicole Schweitzer was absent. Director Tammy Peasley was also in attendance.

President Jay Eddy called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm. An error was discovered in the minutes of last month. Chuck Nibbe was not in attendance. The corrected minutes were approved on a motion by Karen with second by Amanda. Carried unanimously. Vouchers were examined and Tammy explained that we are over in the "misc" section because unemployment comes from that category. Vouchers were approved on a motion by Amanda with second by Chuck. Carried unanimously.

There were no public comments this month.

Director Tammy Peasley went over her report. Youth Services Coordinator Julie White has submitted her resignation. Tammy has hired Rhonda Groth to fill the opening. She has also hired Yolanda Rousey as library assistant. The Jackson County Reads program is underway. The Adult Summer Reading program had 42 participants reading 149 books. Tammy and Karen met with the Jackson County Executive and Finance Committee to request funding for carpet replacement. The committee approved a contribution of half the needed funds, up to \$25,000.00.

We reviewed the Historian Report submitted by Mary Woods and the Youth Services Report by Julie White. Mary is busy updating the Researchers' Database, Obituary Index and Speltz negative index. Julie reported 316 children attended the six weeks of the Summer Reading Program.

There was much discussion about possible ways to raise funds needed to complete carpet replacement. We could send letters to business owners. We could call community members. We could host a "signature event" fundraiser. We could display the names of donors at different level and then host an event to unveil the list and ask those donors to invite a friend. Should we call it a building maintenance donation instead of carpet replacement? The discussion was tabled until next month.

The board looked at a draft of a letter to the County to request additional funding. Some changes were made and the letter was approved by a motion by Carol with a second by Karen. Carried.

At 5:22 a motion was made by Shelly with a second by Amanda to go into closed session pursuant to WI statute 19.85 (1) c to consider employment, promotion, compensation, personnel issues or performance evaluations. All approved the motion in a roll call vote.

At 6:10 a motion to go into open session was made by Tracy with a second by Carol. All approved the motion in a roll call vote.

The 2016 proposed budget was examined. A motion was made by Shelly with a second by Karen to change the Historian position to 15 hours a week effective January 1, 2016. The Foundation will fund ten of those hours and the Library will fund five.

At 6:15 a motion was made by Rhoda with a second by Chuck to adjourn. Carried.

Tracy Gilbertson, Secretary