

Womelsdorf Community Library Board Meeting
January 8, 2002

Members Present:

Dian Beamesderfer
Nancy Chamberlain
Carolyn Edwards
Harriet Grimes
Ruth Keppley
Louise Miller
Kathy Polcrack
Cindy Hopple, Borough Liaison

Ray Swope, Vincent Balistrieri, Borough Council

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Polcrack.

New board members Nancy Chamberlain, Carolyn Edwards, and Ruth Keppley were introduced and welcomed. Cindy Hopple was welcomed as our new borough liaison.

Reorganization of officers was item one on the agenda. New officers for the year 2002 are as follows:

President, Harriet Grimes
Vice-president, Dian Beamesderfer
Recording Secretary, Kathy Polcrack
Corresponding Secretary, Carolyn Edwards
Treasurer, Louise Miller

President Grimes took over the gavel.

Minutes were approved as written.

K.Polcrack made a motion to accept the treasurer's report subject to audit.

Seconded by D. Beamesderfer

D. Beamesderfer reported sending thank you notes for donations. Thank you notes were read from employees and former board members for gifts.

President Grimes did a "mini orientation" for our three new board members. Carol Hugar, librarian, gave the following information in her monthly report. Circulation for December 2001 was 1,456 items compared to 1,125 for December 2000. Her total collection expenses for the year 2001 were \$10,147.09. This includes the processing fees assessed by the system.

A motion was made to donate the old draperies to the borough by H. Grimes. K.Polcrack seconded.

Carol reported that the paint is peeling in the bathroom. Ray Swope, who is in charge of buildings for the borough, will check it out.

Carol discussed her ideas for new shelving and a carrel for a computer loaded with educational software geared to pre-schoolers and primary school children in the children's section.

D. Beamesderfer reported on the Friend's activities. There will be a program in March presented by a representative of the Conrad Weiser Homestead. It will focus on Conrad Weiser.

It was suggested that a note of appreciation be sent by the Board to the Friend's for the support and work that they have performed for the library. C. Edwards will take care of this.

H. Grimes shared information from the System Meeting. She described Bookasaurus, the new children's bookmobile and the hiring of storytime aides.

A motion was made by D. Beamesderfer to have the library's books audited by Reinsel and Co. Seconded by L. Miller.

The VFW has donated a new American flag to the library to replace the torn and worn one. They are wondering why it has not been flying. H. Grimes will see that it is flying ASAP.

Ray Swope reported that some windows in the building need replacing. He will be looking into this for us. Dian asked that coat hooks be placed along the wall; borough will look into installing these for us.

A motion was made by H. Grimes to move our monthly meeting from the second Tuesday to the fourth Tuesday of the month. G. Reed, who does our financial records, will be able to attend on the fourth Tuesday. Seconded by K. Polcrack. K. Polcrack will place an ad in the Reading Eagle advertising this change.

It was decided to hold an Open House to showcase all of the new additions to our library. Borough council members present suggested that we approach the borough police about a joint effort as they occupy the basement of the library building and they are about to launch a drug awareness booklet for the community. N. Chamberlain, H. Grimes, and D. Beamesderfer formed a committee to work on this project.

Because we have three new members to our Board, Julie Rinehart, System Administrator, will be asked to attend our next meeting to discuss funding issues.

We discussed investing our carryover money. H. Grimes will investigate the INVEST and PLIGIT programs and report to us in February.

The hours of operation for the year 2002 will remain the same. We plan to close for the ten Sundays beginning with June 30, 2002 and ending with September 1, 2002.

We discussed new goals for 2002. Homework club staffed by high school students in need of community service hours was suggested. We would also like to develop a process in which we could tap into the youth for ideas as to how to make the library more "teen friendly." How to help with leaf collections and family tree projects were some of the ideas brainstormed.

D. Beamesderfer made a motion to accept these ideas. K. Polcrack seconded.

It is time to evaluate several of our employees. D. Beamesderfer, L. Miller, and K. Polcrack volunteered to be the evaluators.

Concerning some future events...

K. Polcrack will contact Judith Byron Schnactner, guest author for the elementary schools in the C. W. District, about doing an evening program for preschool children. This would be the evening of April 22nd.

D. Beamesderfer discussed the Library and the Friends jointly sponsoring a program for adults; a concert in the park was one of the ideas suggested. She also suggested a bingo game as a possible activity for Senior Citizen's Month in May.

H. Grimes brought up the 250th Anniversary of Berks County. We plan to wait for further information and possibly work with our historical society.

H. Grimes also discussed the Library Services and Technology Grant.

A motion was made by H. Grimes to open on a Monday evening in March to accommodate Brownie Troop 175. They are working on a computer badge and need to use multiple computers. D. Beamesderfer seconded.

At 8:50pm H. Grimes called for a motion to adjourn. D. Beamesderfer seconded.

Next meeting will be held on February 26, 2002, at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Polcrack
Recording Secretary