

Womelsdorf Community Library Board Meeting
February 26, 2002

Members Present:

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

Prior to the Meeting

Julie Rinehart, System Administrator, gave the new board members an orientation on the funding system that is currently being used to distribute state and county monies to the system libraries.

The meeting was called to order by President Grimes.

The following change was made to last month's minutes. The Friends of the Library is buying the coat hooks that will be installed along the wall by Jake Warner.

The Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.

In correspondence, the library received a \$200.00 donation from the Lion's Club. C. Edwards, corresponding secretary, sent thank you notes to the Friends for their support and to the VFW for the donation of a new flag.

Librarian's report:

Circulation in January 2002 was 1, 630 items compared to 1, 636 items in January 2001.

Children's storytimes are now being held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:15. Betsy Hedbavny is in charge. Also, Carol has signed up for the "Storyriders" to come on alternating Thursday mornings beginning on March 21st.

Carol has asked to attend the Kutztown Literacy Conference on April 27, 2002 at a cost of \$40.00. A motion was made by K. Polcrack to grant her request. L. Miller seconded.

Carol also reported that the System is sponsoring a tour of the New York Public Library on May 3, 2002. All trustees are invited to attend. Interested people should send their money to Julie Rinehart by April 16, 2002.

In celebration of Older American's Month in May H. Grimes will talk to Tom Wolfe about volunteering to teach some computer classes in the library during the daytime.

The bike rack will be sent back at a cost of \$100.00. H. Grimes made the motion, seconded by K. Polcrack.

Report of the Friends:

Dian reported the following schedule of events in the library.

March 14, 2002-Mike Emery, museum educator, will speak about Conrad Weiser.

April 20, 2002- Friends of the Library Reorganization Meeting and Luncheon \$5.00 cost

May 7, 2002-Peter Siebert will speak on "Eagles, Parrots, and Flying Turtles in PA. German Art."

Sept. 12, 2002- David Eller will speak on "PA. German Societies."

System Meeting Report:

The Marketing Committee is soliciting volunteers for its committee. Harriet asked representatives of system libraries for some feedback on DVD's. Generally the response was very positive.

Borough Liaison:

Cindy Hopple reported that there have been many positive comments made about the signs on the outside of the library.

The open house scheduled for March 10, 2002, from 2PM-5PM has been advertised on the sign at the end of town.

The bathroom has been repaired and looks very nice

Bonnie needs to submit her time cards on a weekly basis.

Old business:

The open house committee requested a sum of money be allotted to cover expenses for food, prizes, and decorations. K. Polcrack made a motion to allot \$250.00 for open house expenses. D. Beamesderfer seconded.

After discussion D. Beamesderfer made a motion to invest in INVEST, a state sponsored investment program. N. Chamberlain seconded. The amount of money to be invested will be determined after reworking the 2002 budget.

A committee to rework the budget was formed. Members are H. Grimes, L. Miller, N. Chamberlain, and G. Reed.

The estimate by Jake Warner for shelving in the children's section to include shelving for books, videos, and a computer desk is \$3650.00 A motion was made by C. Edwards to accept this estimate. L. Miller seconded.

All employees have been successfully evaluated.

Brownie Troop 175 and Daisy Troop 1023 will be attending the library for a tour and to learn about using the computerized card catalogue on March 11, 2002.

New Business:

All trustees are encouraged to attend the Trustee Workshop at Grantville on April 5th and 6th..

After discussion it was decided to launch a campaign to "Bring a Friend to the Library" during National Library Week beginning April 22-29, 2002. K. Polcrack will prepare publicity to be distributed at Conrad Weiser West Elementary. Prizes will be given to children participating in the program. H. Grimes and C. Edwards will purchase prizes. K. Polcrack made a motion to spend \$50.00 on prizes. H. Grimes seconded.

In celebration of the 250th Anniversary of Berks County Ruth Keppley will ask Earl Ibach about providing memorabilia for the display cabinet in the library.

C. Edwards made a motion to adjourn with N. Chamberlain seconding. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Polcrack
Recording Secretary