

Womelsdorf Community Library Board Meeting
March 26, 2002

Members Present:

Harriet Grimes
Dian Beamesderfer
Nancy Chamberlain
Carolyn Edwards
Gerry Reed, Financial Records

The meeting was called to order by President Grimes.
The following change was made to last month's minutes: The cost of the Friends Luncheon on April 20, 2002, is \$6.00.

The Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.

In correspondence, thank you notes were sent to the numerous donors of door prizes for the Open House. C. Edwards also sent thank you notes to the following: Judith Holmes for a gift subscription to Southern Living, Rod And Gun Club for a \$150.00 donation, Women of Today for a penguin book.

Librarian's report:

Circulation in Feb. 2002 was 1,711 items compared to 1,437 in Feb. 2001.

Carol requested lunch funds (\$ 5.00) for Carol and Kathy while attending the Make and Take Workshop. D. Beamesderfer made a motion to approve this request, H. Grimes seconded the motion.

Report of the Friends:

Dian reported the following event scheduled at the Library: April 18, 2002- Suzanne Munch of Albright College will speak about Garden Flowers and their Wild Relatives.

System Meeting Report:

Possible changes for System Board Meetings were discussed, such as eliminating the July meeting and changing the December meeting to an Awards meeting. Other proposed changes includes designating themes for certain monthly meetings, such as Finance and New Trustees.

There will be an Open House in the new building on April 17, 2002...details to follow at a later date. N. Chamberlain and C. Edwards will attend the Systems Meeting on April 17, 2002.

Other: H. Grimes and C. Edwards will attend the Annual PA. Public Library Trustee Institute in Harrisburg on April 5&6, 2002.

Borough Liaison Report:

David Shenk was contacted about removing the vault doors from the Library. He gave estimates for the following:

\$800.00 to remove the boxes and empty the vaults, a 1-day project

\$5,000 to remove heavy door and inner doors, a 3-day project.

It was decided to put this idea aside until a Library Space Consultant was contacted.

The possibility of accepting a Keystone Fund Grant this year was also discussed.

Old Business:

N. Chamberlain and H. Grimes met with Julie Rinehart to discuss problems with the 2002 budget. The Budget Committee submitted a proposed 2002 budget to the Library Board; it was discussed and approved. Dian motioned to pass the budget, Nancy seconded it.

Harriet proposed putting \$31,000 into the Invest account, including any money currently held in C.D.'s, both C.D.'s will mature soon. C. Edwards motioned to put all monies into Invest, Nancy seconded it.

The shelving that was ordered has not arrived yet.

For Library Week, the following suggestions were made:
Giving a prize to any patron who brings in a friend who signs up for a library card.

For the 250 Berks County Celebration, Harriet suggested having Senior Citizens give an oral or taped story of their experiences.

For Senior Citizens Month in May 2002, Tom will give computer classes at the Library.

Girl Scout Troops 175 and 1023 toured the library in March and April. Between Scouts, siblings and parents, these events were well attended. (circulation went up a 100 in one hour!) Carol received credit for both a Program and a Presentation. Troop 404 will tour the library sometime in April.

New Business:

It was noted that art competition winner Pam Wagner has not cashed her check. Harriet will look into this.

Louise Miller submitted her resignation, effective March 18, 2002, to President Grimes. K. Polcrack will write a letter to the Borough Council advising them of the resignation.

Contacting Judith Holmes, who has previously expressed an interest in becoming a Board Member, was discussed.

Due to L. Miller's resignation, it was necessary to appoint a new Treasurer. Nancy Chamberlain gladly volunteered for this position.

N. Chamberlain made a motion to adjourn with D. Beamesderfer seconding. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully,

Carolyn Edwards
Corresponding Secretary