

Womelsdorf Community Library Board  
October 22, 2002

Present:

D. Beamesderfer  
N. Chamberlain  
V. Cook  
C. Edwards  
H. Grimes  
J. Holmes  
G. Reed

President Grimes called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The minutes of the September meeting were accepted as written.

The treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.  
N. Chamberlain, H. Grimes, and G. Reed will plan and attend a budget meeting to be sure the budget amount is spent.  
The 2001 Annual Review was sent to J. Rinehart @ Systems by October 1, 2002 ; H. Grimes received confirmation.

Correspondence:

Thank you notes were sent to Boyer's for their Coffee Fund donation and to J. Holmes for a gift subscription to Southern Living.

Friends:

D. Beamesderfer reported 17 people attended the Stephen Foster program and she rated the program as "excellent".

Upcoming Programs: Nov. 12 :Old Movie Theatres in Reading  
Dec. 8 : Christmas Tea

Diane will call the Reading Eagle to ask about participating in the newspapers' weekend article, Library of the Week. The Friends would like to start clearing out the smaller vault. Harriet recommended removing the items in the large vault, and placing the contents of the small vault into the large vault. J. Holmes motioned to spend up to 1,000 to gut the large vault; H. Grimes seconded. Motion passed.

System Report:

Libraries were encouraged to do non-fiction weeding. Dec. 11 is the new date set for the Dec. Systems meeting. Vaneesa, Nancy and Harriet will attend the Nov. Systems meeting.

Librarian's Report:

Circulation for September, 2002 was 11,926 as compared to 1,657 for September 2001. Collection expenditures to date: 8,426.41. Carol has posted a sign in the library: No chatrooms, No games, and No Instant Messenger. These items fall under our policy for internet access.

The Story Rider from Systems is coming to the library every other Wednesday, at 2:15, for a Parent/Toddler Lap-sit Program. Our upcoming program Mock Turtle Marionette Theatre is a joint venture with the Robeson Library and will be held Nov. 5 at the Middle School. N. Chamberlain will set up a table at the school to distribute library information.

Carol was asked for suggestions to spend extra funds, if there are any. Her Wish List items include a new computer and new carpeting for the Board Room.

Liasion with Borough:  
No report.

Unfinished Business:  
Harriet has received a copy of the Borough Grant application.

Building Committee Report:  
Nancy and Harriet met with Curtis Moore to discuss the 65,000 State Keystone Grant. There will not be a dispersement of this Grant until 2004. There is a tremendous amount of work involved with this Grant but C. Moore is qualified to help us through the process. The Board discussed making a commitment to building improvement and applying for the Keystone Grant. D. Beamesderfer moved to commit to Building Improvements and applying for the Keystone Grant. V. Cook seconded; motion passed. H. Grimes moved to hire C. Moore as our Library Consultant @ 1,000 ;N. Chamberlain seconded. Motion passed. Nancy and Harriet must give a building proposal to Borough Council so they may check with the Building Engineer to verify proper support for book weight.

Teen Discussion Group:  
Board members recommended advertising in Voices, by announcements at school, and by distributing flyers and posters around town.

The Systems Award Nomination for La Rue was read by Dian. Harriet and Kathy will write and submit an award nomination for Carol.

C. Edwards has ordered name badges for library volunteers and staff.

H. Grimes recommended Volunteer Training sessions and workshops be held in the Spring for new volunteers and Board members.

New Business:  
Dian and Kathy will evaluate Carol for Director Performance. Carolyn will mail invitations to key people for the Xmas Tea. To commemorate the 250 Anniversary of Berks County, Harriet suggested having an Adult Writing Contest in Feb. 2003. Participants would write anecdotal items about their experiences in Womelsdorf. The best stories might be published in a book. N. Chamberlain will contact The Rotary Club to check into a possible Grant.

D. Beamesderfer motioned to adjourn at 9:25 pm. C. Edwards seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Carwyn Edwards*  
Corresponding Secretary