

**Womelsdorf Library Board Minutes**  
June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003

**Present:** D. Beamesderfer  
M. Beamesdefer  
T. Bradburn  
N. Chamberlain  
V. Cook  
H. Grimes  
K. Matthew  
G. Reed

President Grimes called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The May minutes were amended as follows:

The Womelsdorf High School Alumni, not the Conrad Weiser Alumni, sent the donation mentioned. Also, Wyomissing declined the offer to join Reading Systems, they did not resign. J. Deck discussed the progress of re-doing the vaults for storage, an ongoing Friends project. The minutes were accepted as amended by K. Matthew, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. Chamberlain.

**Treasurer's Report:** approved subject to audit

Visitor M. Beamesderfer from the Capital Funds Committee attended the meeting to update the Board on the Capital Funds Campaign. The total collected as of June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003 is \$4805.00. There is also \$2350.00 collected in additional pledges. On behalf of the Committee, M. Beamesderfer requested to join the Berks County Chamber of Commerce in order to access their mailing list, sending donation requests to local businesses. The Capital Funds Committee will join the Berks Co. Chamber of Commerce in their own name. Also, the Committee will be putting a sign on the outside of the library in order to chart our progress in capital funds collected. A motion was made to create an independent treasurer for the Committee so that they can access petty cash when needed. Motion was made by D. Beamesdefer, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Bradburn.

**Librarian's Report:** The circulation for May 2003 was reported as 2576, compared to 1648 in May 2002. The Summer Reading Program is going well - the first story time had 31 children attending. The total expenditure for May 2003 was \$892.64. Total expenditures to date are \$4726.91. Also, Ms. Hollen, who was offered a part-time substitute position for the Womelsdorf Library declined the offer.

**Friends Report:** In Sept. there will be a Mary Kay demonstration. As for the storage vaults progress, Friends is in process of getting cabinets.

**Systems:** The libraries will have to comply with a Supreme Court decision to provide porn filters on public access computers. As for the state budget issue, libraries may assume a 15% cut in library funding. Jack Romig thanked members for attending the Harrisburg lobby day. There is

an opportunity to promote your library's Summer Reading "Get in the Game" program at the Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> Reading Phillies at 6p.m. Volunteers are still needed for the Book Bonanza July 17, 18, 19, 20 at the Leesport Auction.

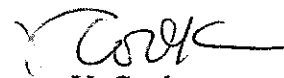
**Correspondence:** Thank You cards were sent to the Womelsdorf H.S. Alumni for their recent donation, to F. Chambers for his Indian program on Capital Funds Campaign Kick-off Day, and to all participants in the "Meet the Candidate" night at the library.

**Old Business:** The new library signs are up, but the trash can is still not placed out front. Our "Whimsical Writings about Womelsdorf" brochure prototype came back from Systems. We will order more printed for distribution. M. Beamesderfer and H. Grimes attended the Marion Township meeting to try to persuade them to join the Womelsdorf service area. They may be a source of additional income for the Capital Funds Campaign.

**New Business:** The blue house adjacent to the library is being offered first sale to the library by owner. The Board will attend an open house on July 3<sup>rd</sup> to determine whether or not the structure is suitable for use as an addition during reconstruction in lieu of the planned 2<sup>nd</sup> floor addition. As of now, there are pros and cons to using the house as an annex. Also, V. Cook will talk to Ken Pick of Community Development to determine what can be done about the Block Grant eligibility of the Womelsdorf Library. In July, the Board will meet with their committees at their convenience. The next formal meeting will be on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at 6p.m. It will be a picnic meeting at D. Beamesdefer's residence. The August Board Meeting is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> of that month.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m. Motion to adjourn by V. Cook, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Matthew.

Sincerely,



V. Cook  
Recording

Secretary