

Womelsdorf Library Board Minutes ~ September, 2008

Present: C. Edwards; S. Feick; H. Grimes; B. Hedbavny; N. Hoekstra; L. Lewis; M. Motchenbacher; M. Namiotka; M. St. John

H. Grimes called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The Minutes from the August Board Meeting were read and it was noted that a revision to the Treasurers Report be made, transferring \$20,000 (*not* \$23,000) from the Melissa Edwards Fund into our Invest Savings Account. C. Edwards made a motion to accept the revision to the minutes, and the motion was seconded by H. Grimes.

Treasurer's Report:

- N. Hoekstra prepared a projection of the utility bills through the end of the year, noting that electricity is up 36.9% and oil is up 84% from last year.
- We will contact PP&L to evaluate energy efficiency and to do an energy audit.
- We will also have Larry write up light usage inside and outside and tell us that according to codes what lights need to stay on after hours.
- Neal will continue working with Harriet to take over as co-treasurer with Carolyn.

Correspondence:

- A thank you note will be sent for the donation from the bridge group who use the library facilities.

Librarian's Report:

- Circulation for August 2008 totaled 5,355 compared to 6,534 in August 2007. (SRP ended one week earlier this year and the new addition to the Library opened at this time in 2007). Collection expenditures for August 2008 totaled \$1,188.86.
- Melanie applied for "We the People Bookshelf" and "Picturing America" grants that will provide the library with new materials.
- We received the Early Learning Station computer that will be placed in the Children's' Area. We will purchase a new table to put the computer unit on.
- Melanie will apply for a new grant named "Great Stories Club". The grant is for high-risk teens and Melanie will partner with Bethany Home. C. Edwards made a motion to apply for the grant and it was seconded by B. Hedbavny.
- The Women of Today would like to do a jewelry fundraiser on October 25th to benefit the library. B. Hedbavny made a motion to approve the fundraiser and it was seconded by M. St. John.

Old Business:

- There was a question as to whether groups needed to pay for the use of the library for their meetings. The insurance states there is no need for groups to pay because they are covered under our insurance. The groups must be nonprofit and have board approval. C. Edwards made a motion that the Harp Group and Girl Scouts may use the library for their meetings. The motion was seconded by S. Feick.
- A motion was made by C. Edwards to pass revisions on policies, mission statement, 5-year plan and bylaws. The motion was seconded by B. Hedbavny.

New Business:

- We will make an official request for borough aid for 2009. If we receive less from the borough we will receive less in state and county aid.
- Melanie will find out if the state requires a liaison at the library board meetings. H. Grimes made a motion to define what the role of the liaison is. S. Feick seconded the motion.
- N. Hoekstra made a motion to record the meetings for clarification issues. M. St. John seconded the motion.
- B. Hedbavny made a motion that each borough council member receives a copy of the library minutes. N. Hoekstra seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
L. Lewis, Recording Secretary