

Richland Community Library Board Minutes March 21, 2012

Members present: Cynthia Berg, Chris Cupper, Judy Hobson, Raenell Kent, Patrice Mindock, Larry Williams

Members absent: None

Others present: Kay LaPierre

Call to order: President Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Public Comment: None

Guests: Clark Crenshaw (Eagle Scout Project) with Mrs. Hoyt; Doug Jonas
Clark Crenshaw summarized his work in digitizing photographs of old time Richland. These photographs can now be viewed on the Library website. This project was in partial fulfillment of his work towards obtaining his Eagle Scout designation and totaled 74 hours. The work was done in concert with and under the supervision of Mrs. Hoyt. Clark is a freshman at Gull Lake High School.

Review Minutes of February 15, 2012: Minutes from the previous meeting were presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes as amended. (Mindock/Hobson) The motion was approved.

Friends of the Library Report: The Board has been notified of the passing of Vera Wallach, a long time supporter of the Library as well as an active member of the FOL. A motion was made to honor the memory of Ms. Wallach with a book donation to the print collection. (Mindock/Kent) The motion was approved.

Financial Report: The financial report was presented; the statement of revenues and expenses for the five months ending February 29, 2012 and monetary disbursements for the month of February were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made to accept the financial report as presented. (Williams/Kent) The motion was approved.

Director's Report: Mrs. Carter facilitated a book discussion on *The Blind Contessa's New Machine* by Carey Wallace on Thursday March 8th. Twelve people participated in the event. The summer reading program begins June 19th; Mrs. Jasiak, Ms. Jenkins and Ms. Glas are continuing with the planning of the summer activities. The collaborative event at Kellogg Elementary is slated for May 14th. Mrs. Jasiak will represent our Library. Repair and replacement work has been completed on the air conditioning equipment as well as the security system. The Director has been involved in discussions with community leaders which will foster community collaboration and resource sharing. The Director attended a Performing Arts Foundation meeting and was elected Treasurer of that organization.

Committee Reports: Aesthetics--The new hanging artwork in the lower hallway has been favorably received; it was installed with the assistance of Chris Gobble. The Policy Committee will draft a new policy which will address the omission of pricing on individual pieces of artwork.

While individual pieces of displayed artwork may be for sale, the Library will not act as a venue to promote that sale. The Communications Committee has approved an ad which promotes the Library and will appear in future editions of the Gull Lake Communicator.

Old Business: None

New Business:

a. Tribute to Board Member Jill Gould - The Director will represent the Library at a memorial service for Ms. Gould; other Board members will attend as well. A private monetary donation will be sent to the West Michigan Cancer Center on behalf of Ms. Gould by individual Board members. A book in her honor will also be donated to the Library's print collection, recognizing her contribution to the Library and the Richland community. Mr. Jonas will investigate the possibility of a conflict of interest between serving on the Board and the Village Council simultaneously.

b. Other New Business: None

Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM. (Hobson/Kent) The motion was approved. The next Board meeting will be held April 18, 2012 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Cupper, Secretary

Larry Williams, President