

Richland Community Library Board Minutes May 16, 2012

Members Present: Cynthia Berg, Chris Cupper, Judy Hobson, Doug Jonas, Raenell Kent, Patrice Mindock

Members Absent: Larry Williams

Others Present: Kay LaPierre

Call to Order: In the absence of President Williams, Vice President Berg called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Public Comment: None

Guests: None

Review minutes of April 18, 2012: Minutes from the previous meeting were presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented. (Hobson/Kent) The motion was approved.

Friends of the Library Report: None

Financial Report: The financial report of revenues and expenses for the seven months ending April 30, 2012 was presented. The general ledger report of receipts and disbursements for the month of April was also presented. A motion was made to approve the financial reports as presented. (Mindock/Kent) The motion was approved.

Director's Report: Christine Below gave an excellent presentation about the ways to overcome low vision challenges on April 19th. Mrs. Jasiak attended a children's programming workshop in Albion on April 26th. Mrs. Goebel, Mrs. Carter and the Director attend a Fantastic Fiction workshop in Grand Rapids on April 23rd. Mrs. Hoyt and Mrs. Balcom attended the Small & Rural Libraries conference May 2-4 in Traverse City; they submitted a written report of the sessions they attended. Ms. Amy Klunder began work on May 2nd. Mrs. Carter facilitated a monthly book discussion on *Breakfast with Buddha* by Roland Merullo on Thursday, May 10th, with eight participants. Mrs. Jasiak represented our Library at the "Fantastic Family Health Fair" at Kellogg Elementary on May 14th. The Director met with Marsha Mayer at the Portage District Library May 7th. With Ron Dumont, the Director discussed community partnering at PDL. The Director also met with the Performing Arts Council May 8th and also the directors of the Parchment and Plainwell libraries. Partnering was also discussed with the programming committee of the Richland Area Community Center, along with the creation of a Community Vision/Leadership Council.

Committee Reports: The Aesthetics Committee met to discuss amending the art policy and whether or not to attach prices to individual pieces of displayed art. It was recommended that displayed art should be limited to 60 days. It was agreed the Aesthetics and Policy Committees will meet May 30th at 3:30 PM.

Old Business: None

New Business:

a. Initial Review of Proposed FY2012-13 budget: The Director presented an initial view of the budget for 2012-2013. The official presentation of the budget will be at the August meeting. There is a need for an annual review of the library budget as well as 5 year projections of the budget. Trustee Jonas acknowledged the value of the actual and projected budgets 2003-2011 as he acquaints himself with the work and history of the Board.

b. Other New Business: None

Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 PM. (Hobson/Mindock) The motion was approved. The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2012 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Cupper, Secretary

Cynthia Berg, Vice President