

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the LeClaire Community Library was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at the LeClaire Community Library. Present: Steve Morency, Doug Peterson, Marilyn Irwin, Charlotte Schumacher, Georganne Gabrielli, Kirstin Oppel, and Becky Roller.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items included in the consent agenda are as follows: Agenda for May 8, 2007 and minutes from the regular board meetings of March 13, April 10, and April 26. No financial reports were presented. A motion was made by Georganne Gabrielli and seconded by Doug Peterson to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

See Report Attached

Monthly Statistics: Monthly statistics were shared and discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Building Committee: None

Public Relations Committee: None

Personnel Committee: None

Governance Issues:

Fundraising: The Community Foundation provides an attractive opportunity, however we are not in a position to take advantage of it immediately. Georganne will talk with Barbara Melbourne to determine the feasibility of extending the matching opportunity. The Board will go forward with creating a governing structure, and the worksheet Barbara provided.

Friends of the Library: None

New Business:

The circulation manager position, as well as the pay increase, that was approved by the Board was not approved by the City Council to be retroactive January 1, 2007. The Board viewed the recording of the May 7, 2007 City Council meeting at which the request was denied. The Council needs to be informed of the circumstances regarding our request. The Board will request the Council reconsider the amendment rejected at last night's meeting at their next Committee of the Whole meeting on May 21.

Public Comments

None.

APPROVED June 12, 2007

The next Board Meeting is a Regular Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, at 7:00 p.m. A motion for adjournment was made by Steve Morency and seconded by Georganne Gabrielli. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Roller
Secretary

Director's report, April 2007

1. Provide access and instruction in the use of library services and resources, and provide programs for all ages. March Story time attendance: 148—including the largest turn-out of 16 on a Wednesday afternoon. April Storytime attendance: 167—including the largest morning group of 17. Story time is taking a break during May and will return on Tuesday mornings in June and July. March teen movie had attendance of 22. April teen movie had 6 on a fine spring day. The Reading Safari had 44 completed calendars, ranging in age from 2-10. Two safari canteens and a stuffed gorilla were given away in a drawing of participants. Homework Help has had minimal usage since the end of the school year is approaching. Mary Ritter is seeking students interested in pursuing teaching careers to assist with next year's program.

2. Provide outreach targeted to connect with the youth, new community members, and non-traditional library users . March teen board meeting had 6 in attendance; April had 3 participants. The May teen board meeting and movie were not held, since spring weather and athletic schedules have taken away our participants. Letters were sent to 8 new residents this month. I will be visiting Cody and Bridgeview students on May 31st to introduce the summer reading program. FAX, a mime and magician from Fairfield, and Paul Merklein, a performance artist who draws large faces will be at the library on Wednesday's at 1:30 during July. Two other programs—the Niabi Zoo and The Snakeman—are currently being negotiated.

3. Involve the community in Library development through suggestions, surveys, displays and volunteer opportunities. Karen Nelson's mother provided a display of giraffes during April, and Michael Souharda is currently showing his restored ham radios in the display case. We have a list of other local residents who will share their collections in future months. All Pleasant Valley students have completed their service learning hours. Four PV students assisted on the move of library shelving in April. Our current adult volunteers include: Kathy Barnes who started in April; Jan Helman who started in February; Lori Gudmundsen and Trish Coulsen who have worked since last September, and Karin Pannier who worked from August through April. She is now moving to Madison Wisconsin where she hopes to find library employment and pursue a degree in Library Science. Tom Molumby, a local resident will create crime scene scenarios and activities for the summer reading program. He instructs law enforcement courses at the community college. D.R. Peterson has created an 8-foot plywood giraffe that is starting to collect pennies for the giraffe habitat at the Niabi Zoo.

Jazz on the Bluff netted over \$3,000 for the library with a large number of donations from local residents and businesses. The library's wish list includes: additional spinner racks for DVDs, videos, paper backs and CDs; wooden end caps for shelving; a standing information sign for the library entrance; and a wall rack for local and tourist information.

4. Create alliances with cultural, historical, educational, civic and professional / business organizations. The local Lions Club has made arrangements to hold their monthly meetings here from October –April. They plan to purchase a microwave and small refrigerator for the community room, and we have discussed a standing order of large

print books that they might like to provide on a yearly basis. The local area food pantry has been giving 20-30 used children's books each week as part of our collaborative book pantry program. We have sent 3 shopping bags of books to the Mt. Pleasant correctional facility in the past 2 months. A Genesis writer and photographer visited the library to do an article and photos about the aphasia collection.

Administrative: I have contacted Iowa Prison Industries for a price on wooden end caps for the library book cases. We will also work with Jay Crump of the Shaker Gallery to see if he can construct end caps or stain and varnish flush doors that could be used to complete our shelving units. We have sorted all remaining metal shelving, and are ready to have the excess transported and sold for scrap metal.

Library staff will visit the Buffalo Bill Museum and the county history collections at the Davenport Public Library so that we can better answer questions we receive from visitors.

Quad-LINC has now become "Prairie Cat" with materials from 195 libraries available to our patrons. An average day might include 50% of our van delivery either going or coming from the two new service centers.

April Statistics: new users: 23; new materials: 242; adult materials: 1,233; children: 985; teen: 98; other : 34---Total 2,350 reg. circulations; Ills borrowed: 422; ILLs sent: 359; Other Iowa patrons borrowing from our in-house collection: 455. (54 Bettendorf, 23 Davenport, 1 East Moline, 3 Moline, 10 St. Ambrose, and 364 Scott County.

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