

Marshall District Library Board of Directors

Minutes September 11, 2012

Call to order and attendance: 7 p.m. Carole Tabiadon, Angela Semifero, Nate Palmer, Matt Rodgers, George Guerin, Ben Lark, Lynda Dunn, Donna Daines.

Visitors: Katie Bagale, Katie Coury, Chris Love, Debbie Galloway

Approval of agenda: Moved, Dunn/support, Lark. Carried

Approval of 8-14 minutes: Moved, Gearin/support, Dunn. Dunn moved a change in New Business. Motion to approve as corrected, carried.

Financial report: Motion Dunn/support, Lark to pay August, 2012 bills of \$87,163.03 Roll call vote: Yes: Tabiadon, Guerin, Lark, Dunn, Rodgers, Daines. No: none.

Library Director's Report. AMAZE program is being worked on; popular programs on lighthouses, social networking.

Staff members introduced:

Chris Love has worked at the library as a part time handy man for 6 years. He is a full time firefighter in Battle Creek. He said that the bosses are great, that things are getting better and better and that he feels the library is wonderful place to work. He enjoys fixing things and feels empowered by employers. He has also helped with programming (self defense program as well as iPhone program).

Debbie Galloway cleans the library, and does painting. She said she loves working at the library and finds it a wonderful place to work. She also works offsite, doing woodcarving and makes coffins for pets.

Committee Reports:

Building Site: Did not meet. Probably won't be meeting until November at earliest

Personnel: Did not meet

Finance: Met before 9-11-12 board meeting

Policy: Did not meet.

Unfinished Business:

Board training date: Trish Knight can come any Wednesday in October or November. Board decided on Oct. 24 (Oct. 17 as back-up) 5:30 to no later than 7:30 p.m. in board room.

New Business:

Dunn moved to approve Woodlands Library Co-op yearly contract. Support, Daines. This is required to receive state aid. This cooperative allows for bulk purchasing for discounts; interlibrary loan delivery; computer labs; e-book access. The library receives state aid of \$.26 cents per capita. Roll call vote: Yes: Dunn, Tabiaddon, Guerin, Lark, Dunn, Rodgers, Daines. No: none.

Comments from board members:

Ben Lark—"I was in the library today at 3 p.m. and was surprised at the number of kids here. I was impressed at the quiet and orderliness of the kids."

Carole Tabiaddon: Thanked library staff members Angela Semifero, Nate Palmer and Matt Harmon who helped her with her email at work. Between the three of them spent a number of hours working on the issues involved, including coming to her office. "They all went definitely above and beyond," Tabiaddon said.

Matt Rodgers: Commended Diane Hamlin on an excellent job recruiting kids to become involved in after school activities.

Comment from the public:

Katie Bagale:

She loves the library. She said she's happy to have Wednesday and Thursday for little ones and she finds staff people so helpful and supportive. Her kids love to go to the library. She urged the library to consider some type of tie-in to the PBS documentary on Oct 1 and 2 on the book *Half the Sky* and wonders if the library could feature this book. She said, "People are galvanizing across the nation to address the issues presented in the book." She urged the library to consider featuring the book for its educational value. The PBS show will air two hours each night covering these issues around the world. "I'm willing to buy books to donate to the library if necessary," she said. Angela suggested she contact any staff member about this suggestion or any other suggestions and said she's sure the library could feature the book. She said she will discuss this further with Denise.

Meeting adjourned 7:35 p.m.