

Library Board Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Evonne Horn, Tim Jones, Patricia Mohs, Phyllis Ruzek, Jo-Ann Wegman and Librarian Sharon Grossardt

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Braun, Rebecca Littlefield, Debbie Spitzer, City Administrator Nick Koverman

Vice President Pat Mohs called the meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

BOARD MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes of the April 8, 2013 meeting on a motion by Phyllis Ruzek, seconded by Tim Jones. Motion declared carried.

REPORTS FROM SELCO / SELCO LIBRARY FOUNDATION / FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Sharon Grossardt shared Jill Mueller's report from the April quarterly SELCO/SELS Board meeting. Highlights included the authorization to proceed immediately to replace the Storage Area Network (SAN) rather than wait until the new fiscal year begins in July. The current equipment has had unacceptable unscheduled downtime, and the terms of its service agreement are not being met. It has resulted in the loss of public service throughout the region. Legacy programming was also discussed.

SELCO is hosting a regional mini-Gala on May 7th at Rochester Civic Theatre in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Minnesota Book Awards. Three authors will be speaking.

SELCO Library Foundation will not meet again until May.

Friends of the Library will meet later this month.

FINANCIAL & CIRCULATION REPORTS

Terminology in the Circulation and Petty Cash reports was explained by Librarian Grossardt. The Petty Cash and Circulation reports for April were approved on a motion by Jo-Ann Wegman, seconded by Evonne Horn. Motion declared carried.

2013 LIBRARY FUNDRAISER REVIEW

The murder mystery fundraiser was reviewed, and everyone who attended agreed that it was great fun. Approximately 60 people attended. Librarian Grossardt said we made money, but not as much as other years, due to higher expenses. Exact figures were not available. (Administrator Koverman distributed them after the meeting adjourned.)

We will want to include seating and some sort of tables for all attendees at future fundraisers. There were some glitches with the schedule, causing the silent auction to not get as much attention as planned.

PROGRAMMING UPDATE

The Library hosted four Minnesota mystery authors on Tuesday, April 9th. 17 people attended, and the authors were pleased with the audience engagement.

Children's poet Laura Purdie Salas visited on Thursday, April 25th, also with 17 people in attendance. This was a Legacy program celebrating National Poetry Month.

The May 2nd talk about the Whitewater POW camp was cancelled due to the snowstorm. It has been rescheduled for Wednesday, May 22nd at 7:00 at the Library.

2013 CENTENNIAL TIMELINE - UPDATE

June and July events on the timeline were discussed. The various musicians need to be scheduled for specific Thursday evenings. Debbie Spitzer will email the dates to Librarian Grossardt so they can be put on the new bookmark. The St. Charles Farmers Market organizers are interested in cooperating, as that is also scheduled for Thursday evenings. We might be able to do some evening storytimes there.

Pat Mohs will check with Nick Koverman to see if there are specific dates and times that storytimes are need for the Fair in July.

A representative from the Great River Shakespeare Festival will present a WillReads program, sharing information about Shakespeare and the plays *Twelfth Night* and *Henry V*, on Monday, June 3rd at 7:00. We will be getting 2 tickets to each of 34 performances of these plays as part of a Legacy Fund grant.

Librarian Grossardt reported that the Winona County Historical Society is producing storytelling workshops around the county as part of their mission of collecting oral history. One is scheduled for the library on Wednesday, June 12th in the afternoon.

OTHER

Librarian Grossardt read a note from Ann Brownell thanking the Board for the clock.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 10th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m. on a motion by Jo-Ann Wegman, seconded by Phyllis Ruzek. Motion declared carried.