

Library Board Meeting Minutes  
July 12, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debbie Spitzer, Dave Braun, Elizabeth Ellson, Jill Mueller, Willa Olivier, Kay Phelps, Jane Ryan, Daniel White, and Librarian Sharon Grossardt

MEMBERS ABSENT

Pat Mohs, City Administrator Nick Koverman

President Debbie Spitzer called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

BOARD MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes of the June 7, 2010 meeting on a motion by Willa Olivier, seconded by Dan White. Motion declared carried.

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

Librarian Grossardt reported on the June 15th SELCO Advisory Committee meeting. Major topics of discussion were SELCO's proposed budget for FY 2011, which will be approved at the July SELCO/SELS board meeting, and Library Legacy projects. A new statewide initiative for Legacy funds is Minnesota Book Award-winning author tours. Artwork for the EASEL (Experience Art in Southeastern Libraries) project is currently being solicited from regional artists, and the tour will kick off after the Minnesota Library Association's annual conference in the fall. It is tentatively scheduled to be at our library next summer.

There were no reports from the SELCO Library Foundation or Friends of the Library.

FINANCIAL & CIRCULATION REPORTS

Sharon Grossardt reported that June circulation is up about 1500 from May, the summer months always being the busiest time of the year.

The Petty Cash and Circulation reports for June were approved on a motion by Jill Mueller, seconded by Dan White. Motion declared carried.

BUILDING REPORT

Librarian Grossardt said Janis Martin has been in to talk about the mural. She has completed the drawing and is ready to start painting the outline. She fell and injured her right hand and wrist, but she will be contacting the board members and staff who offered to help.

Librarian Grossardt reported that the projector has arrived. City crew can install it when they have time, or we can pay Marco \$160.00 for installation.

The outside trash can has been removed, because people were dumping their household trash in it, and trash was being strewn over the lawn. A larger wastebasket has been placed in the entryway.

The ballast had to be replaced on a set of lights in the library. Andring's were called when the city crew was unable to fix it.

There have been no problems with the improved bookdrop or the locked restrooms.

#### LIBRARY LEGACY UPDATE

We have two tickets available for each matinee and weekend performance of the Great River Shakespeare Festival's plays this summer. People may request the tickets up to 10 days in advance. This year's Shakespeare plays are *Othello*, *The Comedy of Errors*, and *Titus Andronicus* (apprentice/intern company production). *The Daly News*, a non-Shakespeare play, will also be presented. Performances run from June 23rd through August 1st.

Rochester Civic Theatre would like to work with libraries and community groups during their upcoming season.

Jane Ryan suggested we look at other approved Legacy projects around the region for further ideas. The SELCO website has information on all of them.

#### ANNUAL REPORT

We received a letter from Bruce Pomerantz of State Library Services regarding the 2009 annual report. The Department of Education would like the report by April 1st. Debbie Spitzer wondered why our report was late. Librarian Grossardt said she cannot legally submit the report until it has been approved by the board. She likes to use the officially audited figures.

In order to have it submitted by April 1st, we will make sure it is on the March agenda in the future. If corrections have to be made, they can be submitted later.

#### UMBRELLA MOVIE LICENSING

Sharon Grossardt presented information from the Motion Picture Licensing Corporation, which would charge us \$95 for an annual license to show films from 20th Century Fox, Sony, and various other studios. We are waiting for information from SWANK, which covers other studios. Umbrella licensing allows viewing inside the library only, with no admission charge, and no outside advertising of the titles of the films to be shown. One-time licenses are also available.

#### OTHER

Liz Ellson reported on Dr. Bob, who has several excellent programs on reading, bullying, etc., with magic and juggling. We will check out his availability and cost as a possibility for a program during Gladiolus Days next year.

Dan White said he has had a patron ask him about the possibility of getting software for ADHD children for our public access computers. Librarian Grossardt will talk to the patron and see what she has in mind.

Sharon Grossardt said we are in the fifth week of summer reading program. About 150 children are involved so far, and they can sign up any time during the program, which runs through mid-August. Story times are Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be August 9th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. on a motion by Dan White, seconded by Jill Mueller. Motion declared carried.