

Library Board Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debbie Spitzer, Dave Braun, Willa Olivier, Kay Phelps, Daniel White, City Administrator Nick Koverman and Librarian Sharon Grossardt

MEMBERS ABSENT

Elizabeth Ellson, Patricia Mohs, Jill Mueller, Jane Ryan

President Debbie Spitzer called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

BOARD MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes of the September 13, 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 October 12th SELCO Advisory Committee meeting.

Debbie Spitzer reported that Friends approved the tables and chairs the subcommittee selected for the children's area, and they will be ordered.

FINANCIAL & CIRCULATION REPORTS

The Petty Cash and Circulation reports for September and October were approved on a motion by Dan White, seconded by Kay Phelps. Motion declared carried.

BUILDING REPORT

Nick Koverman distributed copies of the quote he received from Schwickert's for replacing the old part of the library roof.

Librarian Grossardt said that the lower window next to the front door was broken a couple days before Halloween. K&M Glass has been out to look at it, and replacement glass has been ordered.

2011 BUDGET AND COUNTY FUNDING

Sharon Grossardt reported that we have heard from Winona and Olmsted Counties about their funding levels for 2011. Winona County will give us \$14,499 directly, plus we will receive a portion (perhaps \$2000) of the approximately \$11,000 they send to SELCO to distribute proportionately among the four libraries (Winona, St. Charles, La Crescent, and Rushford) that serve rural Winona County residents. Winona County continues to fund library service at the minimum legal amount.

The Olmsted County Administrator's funding recommendation is \$11,228. This is the same as the 2010 amount. We had requested \$12,540. The five libraries (Rochester, Stewartville, St.

Charles, Pine Island, and Chatfield) that serve rural Olmsted County residents are scheduled to present to the Olmsted County Board on November 29th. Nick Koverman indicated that he would like to attend the meeting.

LEGACY UPDATE

Sharon Grossardt said that we will have a speaker on Monday February 28th. Sue Leaf is the author of *The Bullhead Queen: A Year on Pioneer Lake*, which was a finalist for this year's Minnesota Book Award in the Memoir and Creative Nonfiction category.

FUNDRAISER

If we are to have a fundraiser in spring 2011, we need to start working on it. Lee and Peggy Carlson indicated they would be willing to speak. A chair is needed. Kay Phelps, Dan White, and Willa Olivier said they could help.

EXPIRING BOARD TERMS

The first terms of Kay Phelps and Willa Olivier expire at the end of December. Neither will be able to continue for an additional term. Administrator Koverman will see that the two board openings are advertised.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The library, like city hall, will be closed both Thanksgiving and the day following (November 25-26) as well as Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (December 24-25).

OTHER

Librarian Grossardt said SELCO has offered the nine libraries that did not originally sign up for the value-added Shared OverDrive Collection a last chance to do so, in an effort to get all the public libraries involved. OverDrive provides ebooks and audiobooks for library patrons to download to their own devices for a specified loan period. Patron authentication will be more cumbersome and confusing if not all the libraries are involved. It would cost \$475 for this library to join.

A motion was made by Debbie Spitzer, seconded by Dave Braun, that we present the project to the Friends of the Library and ask if they are willing to fund it. If they are not willing, we will use 2011 fundraiser funds. Motion declared carried. Sharon Grossardt will contact Friends about this.

Nick Koverman reported that Janis Martin had spoken with him about the mural and was unhappy about the projection screen. Kyle Karger said the screen can be suspended on chains from the ceiling when needed and removed when not in use, so wall mounting will not be necessary. Debbie Spitzer said she will contact Janis Martin.

The next Board meeting will be December 13th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. on a motion by Dan White, seconded by Willa Olivier. Motion declared carried.