

## Florence County Library Board Meeting

June 18, 2015

The meeting of the Florence County Library Board was called to order by President Ben Niehaus on Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 4 PM in the library meeting room.

Verification of the meeting notices was acknowledged. Members present were Ben, Nancy Miller, Ed Kelley, Tom Jonet, Jan Gehlhoff, Holly Wahlstrom-Stratton, Debbie DeMuri and Stephanie Weber, librarian.

- On motion by Holly, seconded by Ed to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- On motion by Nancy, seconded by Tom to approve the April 9, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.
- On motion by Ed, seconded by Jan to approve the April and May bills and send them on to Audit and Budget. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Ben indicated there is no problems with maintenance nor with security. The air conditioning unit was replaced and is in working well.
- An Owlsnet policy issue has been resolved by Ben and Stephanie. It was suggested that perhaps the school librarian might be able to have additional training on the computer system.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Holly explained The Wisconsin Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is now allotting monies differently by increasing funding to the age group from high school through age 24. The program would allow Jacqueline Herring to work in the library for 180 hours of training. On motion by Holly, seconded by Ed to support the action of the WIOA with a person in training for the library. Motion carried.

### Librarian Comments:

- Stephanie announced a \$250 grant was received from the Dickinson Community Foundation. It will be used for the Summer Reading programming. The NWTC art group displayed their work, having an open house for its show. The Yadro's will be doing a summer program on June 20. The Nicolet Board met at our library on June 9. They toured the library, had lunch and held their business meeting.
- Stephanie has had a request to digitalize our school yearbooks free of charge. All yearbooks prior to 1990 are in public domain. Mr. Niehaus as Superintendent of the Florence Schools has given permission to use all school yearbooks for digitalizing. On motion by Jan, seconded by Debbie to support the digitalization of all yearbooks from the earliest one available to present day. Motion carried. Holly suggested a second copy of the disks be given to the Historical Society. (Many of the yearbooks were placed at the library by the HS.)
- Stephanie noted the Owlsnet will increase 1%; insurance 4%.

Friends of the Library:

- The Friends is sponsoring a number of programs during July and August. Mike Grell, comic designer will be at the library on August 8; John Roberts, Kayaker on August 11. Story time will begin in September at the conclusion of the Summer Reading Program. The Friends participated in the community rummage sale. Sale of donated items and the serving of lunch netted a little over \$1,000. A raffle of 6 different baskets is on now and will continue through August 14.

Board Prerogatives:

- Nancy reported on the Nicolet Federated Library Board meeting. She indicated they were “amazed” at the library and a little surprised how far north we were. Nancy thanked Stephanie for the tour and the explanation of what has been done over the last few years. The NFLS has moved into a new office. The Board is trying to get additional counties to join the system to make it larger.
- A brief discussion by members talked about how the county and school boards have been supporting each other. All agreed this was good and necessary to move Florence County forward.

There being no further business, on motion by Ed, seconded by Tom to adjourn the meeting until August 13, 2015 at 4 PM in the library meeting room. Motion carried.

Debra DeMuri  
Secretary