

Florence County Library Board Meeting
February 14, 2013

The meeting of the Florence County Library Board was called to order by Vice-Chairman Holly Wahlstrom-Stratton on Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 4:00 PM in the library meeting room. Verification of the meeting notice was given by Stephanie Weber. On roll call, members present were: Holly, Nancy Miller, Tom Jonet, Kay Krall, Ed Kelley, Debbie DeMuri and Stephanie Weber, librarian. Tom Woznicki was excused. Guests at the meeting included: Jim Churchill, School Board President; Don Dumke, SB Building and Grounds; Justin Cowen, school IT.

- On motion by Ed, seconded by Nancy to approve the agenda. Debbie asked if the agenda could be amended to allow New Business, Security to follow the approval of bills.
- On motion by Debbie, seconded by Kay to amend the agenda. Motion carried.
- On motion by Ed, seconded by Nancy to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

On motion by Ed, seconded by Debbie to approve the January 10, 2013 minutes. Motion carried.

On motion by Ed, seconded by Kay to approve the January bills. Motion carried. It was noted the rollover (memorial) line in the budget showed a balance of \$9,184.73.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The school has been reviewing security measures in their buildings. The question of how to secure the library entrance has been a question. School Board President Jim Churchill indicated Mr. Woznicki has recommended there be a buzzer system in place on the public entrance to the library and NWTC-Learning Lab. In Stephanie's discussion with Mark Merrifield in regards to this, Mark had put together a letter for consideration. Stephanie had summarized the letter and it was given to the School's Building and Grounds Committee. (Letter included with minutes) The Library Board in discussion with the school representatives have decided to form a joint committee to look at the physical plant and come to a consensus of what is best for the protection of FHS students and staff and the library patrons. The committee will include: School B& G Chairman Ron Yadro, Don Dumke, Tom Jonet; Library representatives Ed Kelley and Debbie DeMuri. Tom Jonet also is a member of the Library Board. In addition to these individuals, Jeanette Bomberg, County Chairman; Mark Merrifield, Nicolet Library System; and David Gribble, Emergency Government will be invited to attend this meeting. A future date will be set with Ron Yadro chairing the meeting. Board members were thanked for attending the meeting and have a willingness to have an open discussion on this topic.

- Stephanie presented the annual report that was approved by Mark Merrifield and sent on to the State. It was noted that electronic circulation has changed by 253% this past year. Registered borrows in Florence County numbered 1,926. On motion by Ed, seconded by Kay to accept the Annual Report. Motion carried. On motion by Kay,

seconded by Ed to give a summarized Annual Report to each County Board member. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- In communication with the County Bookkeeper Karlynn Osterberg, Stephanie indicated it was impossible to trace back the entire memorial (rollover) account. It was noted the rollover line in the budget showed a balance of \$9,184.73. Funds for the circulation desk were taken from this account.

LIBRARIAN COMMENTS:

- Connie Davis has donated the ESPN magazine to the library.
- The summer reading program lineup has been set. It will take place each Wednesday from 10-11 am. The schedule is as follows: July 10: Children's Entertainer Fred Turk; July 17: Adam the Magician; July 24: Astronomy with Red; July 31: Owl Rehabilitation; August 7: Dig into Conservation; August 14: Singer Randy Peterson; August 21. All events are free and include a snack!
- The Friends group sponsored guest speaker Beanie Leffler on February 9. Beanie has written a book entitled "Never Give Up." Beanie has lived her entire life in Florence County.

BOARD PREROGATIVES:

- Kay had attended a Nicolet Library meeting. One topic of discussion was re-evaluating the library collection development grants given to participating libraries each year. The grants have been reduced the last several years. Kay indicated their board would be looking to ways to increase these grants. We currently received \$575 this year. The board is also looking to system consolidation wherever possible.
- Debbie spoke of the active Friends group. This past meeting a budget was developed that included: \$1,000 for collection development; \$400 for programming; \$400 to develop a Story time; \$100 for the summer reading program. Funds would be generated from 4 fundraisers—participation in the community rummage sale; 4th of July raffle for children; and a Christmas raffle.

With no further business, the Library Board meeting was adjourned on Motion by Ed, seconded by Tom. Motion carried.

Next Board meeting—Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 4:00 PM in the library meeting room.