

## Florence County Library Meeting

June 12, 2014

The Florence County Library Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Ben Niehaus on June 12, 2014 at 4 PM in the library meeting room.

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

- On motion by Ed, seconded by Tom to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- On motion by Ed, seconded by Nancy to approve the April 10 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 updated the Board on security and maintenance for the library. The problem with the latch the front door has been fixed; the workroom sink is to be installed next week. Items needing attention include: the sink in the women's bathroom may need minor repair; place the fire exit sign; ceiling tile in main entrance; lights in the library, and check AC to be sure it is working properly as the library is a cooling center.
- The Building and Grounds committee will meet with the Library Board at the October meeting as per our agreement of gathering after school begins and ends.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Nancy attended the Nicolet Federated Library System Board meeting. She reported there is controversy in combining the OWLSnet and Nicolet Boards. Nancy will continue to represent our Board at these meetings and will keep us informed.
- Stephanie presented a borrowing policy for the use of the tablets (Kindle, I-Pad) received through the UW-Extension grant. On motion by Ed, seconded by Debbie to approve the policy. Motion carried. It was suggested the form be signed by a patron each time one is check out rather than having a blanked form per patron.
- The Library was beneficiary of memorial money from Ned Bechthold, resident of Elmwood Grove, WI and owner of property on Keyes Lake. Stephanie reported as of the meeting nearly \$19,000 has been placed in the memorial fund of the library. Thank yous have been written to Helen Bechthold and family as well as to all who have given to the memorial. The board acknowledges this generous memorial money. The money will be held for the library use only in the libraries memorial account for future library projects.
- On motion by Debbie, seconded by Tom to use some of his memorial money to purchase a screen, LCD projector and cost to install the device. Motion carried. This equipment will be

used for movie nights as well as other programs. Ben inform the School Board of the request to have the equipment installed in the library.

- The OWLSnet fee which is split between the library and school will increase 4.5% or about \$600 this coming year. The increase will update Skyrider and Infosoup.

#### Librarian Comments:

- Stephanie indicated many book donations have come in. The Birth to 3 Years program has donated enough books to give 2 books to participants in the Summer Reading Program.
- Debbie reported the Friends group is sponsoring 2 book club programs for children. Grades 3-5 will be reading the Wimpy Kids series; Grades 6-8 will be reading the Hunger Games series. Both will last a month and will end with the showing of a movie. The Friends also participated in the community rummage sale, netting \$975 from donations of items and \$106 from serving lunch.

#### Comments:

- Ben suggested the library participate in the "Standing Up for Rural Schools and Libraries Award." The nomination form is due on September 12<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss the form at our August meeting, but we agreed we should apply for the recognition as a joint school-county library.