

## Florence County Library Meeting

- August 14, 2014

The Florence County Library Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Ben Niehaus on August 14, 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, Holly Wahlstrom-Stratton, Debbie DeMuri, and Stephanie Weber, librarian. Nancy Miller was excused.

- On motion by Tom, seconded by Holly to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- On motion by Ed, seconded by Jan to approve the June 12, 2014 minutes. Motion carried.
- On motion by Ed, seconded by Holly to approve the June and July bills and send them on to Audit and Budget. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Ben commended Stephanie for the job of organizing and set up of the new library furniture. Many hours of time by Stephanie and volunteers accomplished the task. The library has an altogether new look. Board members were appreciative of her efforts.

The school has put out bids for a new air conditioning unit for the library and office. The bid was \$11,600. Ben asked if the county could share half the cost. Holly as chairman of the Health committee would bring it before her committee as the library has been designated as cooling center for this community.

Ben presented our Board with a letter from school administration which will be sent to each middle and high school parent/guardian regarding the library. It outlines information about allowing students utilization of the library in conjunction with the public library hours. Students will be able to use the library during public hours unless parents/guardians contact Principal Jerue. Public hours begin at 11 AM from Tuesday through Friday.

Holly indicated her concern with Stephanie's safety when she leaves the building. At present, a parking place near the door is labeled for the librarian. Stephanie said a better light has been placed near the doorway.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- On motion by Holly, seconded by Ed to support the July 24, 2014 electronic approval by all Board members for using memorial funds to pay the moving company for the

transportation of new library shelving from Cedarburg, WI. The cost was \$850. Motion carried.

- Stephanie presented the proposed 2015 budget of \$115,954.56. She is requesting a raise to be comparable to other Florence County administrators. On motion by Ed, seconded by Holly to send the proposed budget to County Audit and Budget. Motion carried.
- The Stand Up for Rural WI form is due on September 12. Following discussion ideas to tie Food, Fun and Fitness into the library programming-partnership was suggested. Stephanie would contact Meg DallaPiazza to help with the writing.
- Donations from Ned Bechthold memorial have continued to come in. Patrons continue to bring in books to add to the collection.
- Debbie reported on the Friends group and their activities. A movie program has been started, encouraging reading as part of the program. Two children's baskets have been raffled as one of our fund raisers. Storytime will resume on the second Saturday-- September thru May. Connie Falk and Dianna Brice are coordinating this program. The Friends continue to sponsor special programming, just teaming with the American Legion to host Luis Montalvan, a veteran and his service dog, Tuesday. Publicity for all events continue to be viewed in the Florence Mining News, the Daily News, Facebook and Library website.
- The children's I-Pods and the adult I-Pod are in high demand.

There being no further business, on motion by Ed, seconded by Tom to adjourn the meeting to October 9. Motion carried.

\*The October meeting will be a joint meeting with the School building and Grounds committee.