

Florence County Library Board Meeting
August 8, 2013

The Florence County Library Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Ben Niehaus on August 8, 2013 at 4:00 PM in the library meeting room.

Verification of the meeting was given by the librarian. Members present were: Ben, Holly Wahlstrom-Stratton, Ed Kelley, Kay Krall, Debbie DeMuri and Stephanie Weber, librarian. Tom Jonet and Nancy Miller were excused.

- On motion by Holly, seconded by Kay to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- On motion by Ed, seconded by Holly to approve the minutes of the regular June 13 meeting and the special meeting of July 29. Motion carried.
- On motion by Ed, seconded by Kay to approve the June and July bills and send them to the Audit and Budget Committee. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Board discussed the special meeting held regarding security of the library during school hours. It has been a challenge, but we seem to be making progress. Ben and Stephanie discussed the changing of library hours. The recommendation is as follows:

Summer Hours (June 1-August 31)

Closed Sunday and Monday

Tuesday-Friday 9 am – 5 pm

Saturday 9 am – 12 pm

Winter Hours (September 1- May 31)

Closed Sunday and Monday

Tuesday – Friday 11 am - 6 pm

Saturday 9 am – 12 pm

This would mean the school would use the library all day Monday and until 11 am the other days of the week.

On motion by Kay, seconded by Holly to recommend to the School District of Florence County School Board that we adjust the hours as presented above to assist the school in meeting the security issues. Motion carried.

Ben will be bringing the changes before the School Board next week including changes in hours, scheduling use of the library and other changes suggested by State Fire Marshall. The Library Board suggested a pod of several commuters be placed in study hall for students to access information needed for class during the times the school library is closed. Also suggested was having parents sign a wavier allowing students to use the library during the public hours. The dialog between both the school and public library will need to be on-going until the security issue is resolved so it meets the needs of both entities.

NEW BUSINESS:

- For several summers, the air conditioning in the library has not worked properly. Stephanie suggested a check of the conditioner be done each summer. Ben would speak with Bill Witynski regarding this issue.

- The Board reviewed a tentative budget presented by Stephanie. The proposed budget totaled \$109,127.67 with increases in insurance, equipment, continuing education, LTEs, and OWLSnet fee. On motion by Ed, seconded by Kay to send the budget on to Audit and Budget. Motion carried.

Librarian Comments:

- Debbie reports on activities of the Friends group. A number of programs have been held including: Sturgeon River String Quartet, Zentangle (art form), and the Summer Reading Program (as many as 100+ kids on Wednesdays). Funds were used to support the programs, purchasing large print books, and 3 chairs. The monthly book club continues with 6-10 people participating. A December raffle will be for a Kindle Fire HD and 4 children's baskets.
- Donations of books and magazines continue to come to the library. At the last Reading program, students will each get a book, a state park entrance coupon and enjoy an ice cream sundae. Stephanie is trying to book an individual from the UW-Marinette campus to speak on Social Media Etiquette. It was suggested to hold one for the students in the afternoon and one for the parents in the evening. Stephanie will try to coordinate the dates for both.
- Prior discussion regarding the replacing of one handicap parking place with a senior citizen parking was once again brought up. Ben would check with Bill about replacing the parking sign to accommodate senior citizens.

There being no further business, on motion by Debbie, seconded by Kay to adjourn the meeting until Thursday, October 10 at 4:00 PM in the library meeting room. Motion carried.