

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOHNSON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 25, 2014

Meeting called to order by President Dave Chellevoid at 6:00 p.m. All members present with exception of Denise Wellnitz excused. Also present was Mayor Breunig.

Motion by Matt Solverson, seconded by Andrew Gruetzmacher meeting and agenda were properly posted and accepted. Carried.

Motion by Jamie Hartwig, seconded by Ruth Ann Peterson the minutes of January 27th meeting accepted. Carried.

Unfinished business: Review of Strategic Plan on Celebrate Diversity and Cultural Awareness. Candi has been in touch with Amy West: Chinese culture. Mary Knellwolf made suggestion on contacts for Amish culture: Kailey Crist for Spanish as well as Michelle Lindstrom for teaching computer classes to Hispanic population. The plan is to cover time period thru 2015 at which time Candi will present board with updates/changes.

Library Programs:

- Candi's class pertaining to "Collection Management" is timely as she is proceeding with reorganizing the children's library regarding category vs authors.
- Knitting and book clubs going well.
- Valentine Party fun and enjoyed.
- Candi attended County Board meeting -- no mention of libraries.
- Have had Wii events.
- Attended county librarian's meeting in Benton.
- Twilight hour featured Jan Brett's "Winter Tales", giant igloo made of gallon milk jugs, live sled dog, fishing game.
- Two dental programs held.
- New Lego Club big hit.
- STEM meeting raises middle school kids interest in science.

Mention was made of good coverage of library activities in paper. Special note of front page article on fiber optic upgrade. Century Link will come in April to connect as it is already installed and we do have 10 mgb of bandwidth. Our cost will be reduced from \$250.00 month to \$100 month.

Upcoming Programs:

- Kate B. will lead new art group.
- Wii tournament.
- Mary Jo E. - St. Pat's program.
- Dr. Seuss week will be commemorated after school March 3rd – 7th.
- Toddler Craft and Story Hour.
- Resume adult computer classes.

Candi presented the board with an educational handout to be given to parents as they sign their children up to use electronic equipment. It advises of the adverse effects, social and physical brought on by overuse of electronic vs printed reading material.

The present food policy recommended change, states, "The Library Director may determine serving of food at special events in certain areas of library. Motion by Matt Solverson, seconded by Ruth Ann Peterson to adopt policy as stated. Carried.

New Business: Candi presented 2013 annual report. As expected print material usage was down/electronic usage up. It was noted there was an overstatement of program #s in last year's report. Also staff is weeding out books that are outdated in content, not sought after or in poor shape which allows for more room and presentation of updated and/or new. She is attempting to promote literacy in topics of educational information, government as well as promoting library usage and media management by attending various meetings and programs. Library usage and numbers have a bearing on future formulas and funding structures at all levels of government. Motion by Jamie Hartwig, seconded by Matt Solverson to submit report. Carried.

Motion by Matt Solverson, seconded by Jamie Hartwig of payment of vouchers #2402 thru #2417 in the amount of \$13,362.73. Carried.

- Candi reported she did access bank box to make copies of information needed for report.
- There is an 18-month C.D. matured which Chairman Dave Chellevoid and Candi will renew as directed by Finance Committee policy.
- It is recommended that Matt Solverson, Vice Chairman, be added to First National Bank signature card so he can act in absence of chair in financial business. Motion by Jamie Hartwig, seconded by Andrew Gruetzmacher. Carried.

Motion to adjourn to March 24th, returning to Monday evening at 6:30 P.M. Denise Wellnitz will be gone from March 21st to 31st so is excused. Moved by Matt Solverson, seconded by Ruth Ann Peterson. Carried.

*Minutes submitted by Bev Anderson, Secretary
Johnson Public Library Board*