

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
JOHNSON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 26, 2010

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice-President Mary Jo Murphy. Members present were Director Nita Burke, Mary Jo Murphy, Dr. Matt Solverson, Jeanne Tierney, David Chellevoid, Nathan Wiegel, Dr. Denise Wellnitz and Bev Anderson.

Dr. Solverson made the motion that the meeting and agenda were properly posted. Seconded by Jeanne Tierney. Carried

Minutes taken at previous meeting of June 28 accepted as presented. Motion by Dave Chellevoid and second by Dr. Denise Wellnitz. Carried

Welcome to new Board Member Nate Wiegel. The Board reviewed articles pertaining to open meeting laws and other library operations in lieu of an orientation. Nita asked the Board if these types of articles were beneficial for all and members agreed.

Election of Officers:

Motion by Bev Anderson to nominate Dave Chellevoid for Library Board President, Wellnitz seconded. A unanimous ballot was cast for Dave Chellevoid. Dr. Matt Solverson nominated Mary Jo Murphy for Vice-President, seconded by Dave Chellevoid. A unanimous ballot was cast for Mary Jo Murphy. Mary Mo Murphy nominated Bev Anderson as Secretary, seconded by Nate Wiegel. A unanimous ballot was cast for Bev Anderson for Secretary.

Old Business:

Summer Library Reading Program was successful with 939 attendees taking part in 10 events (and 3 movie days). In August, Reader's Theater for tweens and teens will perform a play called "Caddie Woodlawn."

In other business, Nita presented three quotes for the purchase of two new computers for the children's library. She suggested that the Board approve two iMacs, wireless with 21 inch screens. Discussion followed concerning costs, advantages (video production and graphics). Motion by Dr. Matt Solverson and second by Tierney to purchase the iMacs from the Apple Store in Madison. The estimated price for the two computers would be approximately \$3,000. The money for the computers is a budget line item from the Librarian account.

In answer to the City Council request for an update on the broadband grant and project in Darlington, Nita disclosed emails discussing the grant this summer. According to the correspondence, the timeline for the fiber installation in Darlington is postponed due to the need for environmental review of the community as well as all the other communities receiving the

grant money. The project is postponed and will be continued in the year 2011 unless the new Governor will not support the continued funding for the project. In the meantime, it is important to advocate the dire need for economic success in the area being dependent on access to broadband and the technology it allows.

Nita handed out the Library Trustee meeting evaluations that were available for the attendees who had not completed them at the Trustee training last month.

Access Display group Inc, the company whom the Board had previously given the confirmation for the new outside bulletin boards presented an updated quote for \$2422 which exceeded the previous quote but the material and construction of the new boards seemed to be more stable for long term use and aging. The Board was disappointed that the new outdoor bulletin boards were not in place for the Open House, but after discussion agreed to proceed as previously agreed.

New Business:

Lengthy discussion was held on the SWLS network shutdown on Saturday, July 31, 2010. It was determined by the Board to close the library, rather than remain open and not be able to provide any current services. Also, it was important not to try to access the computers during the technology service updates to avoid damaging expensive equipment. The Board requested that the announcement be placed in the Republican Journal alerting patrons. Motion by Wellnitz and seconded by Solverson to close the library during the technology provider switch. Motion carried.

The Library Board discussed the need for an investment plan for library bequests and funds. In addition the board discussed a long, as well as a short term comprehensive plan for library operations.

Other discussion was held on non-profit educational speakers and health education workshops at the library. Nita distributed flyers and talked about recent requests. The Board felt that there is a need for a policy determining fair and equitable treatment of entities who want to have classes and workshops at the library. Nita will research and provide a draft at the next Library Board meeting.

There will be a report about the purchase of the new automated catalog by SWLS at the next meeting.

After a few questions about the vouchers, Chellevoid motioned to approve the vouchers #1457 through #1474 as well as the Families First account voucher #1069. Wellnitz seconded.

Motion by Murphy and seconded by Solverson to adjourn the meeting. Next meeting will be September 28, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. — *Minutes respectfully submitted by Beverly Anderson*