

**MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE
JOHNSON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

April 27, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Siegenthaler. Members present were: Director Nita Burke, Jeanne Tierney, Ray Spellman, Jill Ringen, Mary Jo Murphy and Bev Anderson. Absent: Joe Galle.

Motion for the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted by Ringen, seconded by Murphy, motion passed.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Ringen to approve the minutes of the preceding meeting. Motion passed.

Director Nita Burke reported on the recent workshops and programs:

Spring computer classes were held with two sessions on Tuesday mornings and two more sessions on Tuesday evenings in the month of April. All classes were well attended. A future computer class will be held for the library staff, and members suggested that another computer class be held for the Board of Directors as well, about the use of the card catalog online.

A group of teens from Johnson Public Library created a video based on the Stephenie Meyer book, *Breaking Dawn*, a book that they had read and discussed in book club. The video was submitted to the national Video Tubes contest. Although they did not win a prize, they had fun making the video. The DEMS teachers and staff raised money and gave the library a check of \$228 to be used for the library. The money will go toward the purchase of a video camera for Johnson Public Library for future video projects.

The Summer Library Reading Program flyer was distributed at the meeting. Beginning on Tuesday, June 16th, programs will be held at Johnson Public Library on Tuesday and Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 through July 16th. The theme of the Summer Library Reading Program (SLP) is "Be Creative @ Your Library. Some of the programs will be as follows: Mad Science with Jim Birkel; Songs by David Landau, Drama and Storytelling with members of the DHS Forensics Team; Creative Writing; Worm Races; Chalk Art Day; Author Day; Auction Day and Award's Day with Pizza in the Park for the wrap-up. Movie Wednesday @ the Library will begin on June 17th.

New Business:

Director Nita Burke reported that the application for the ICMA / Bill and Melinda Gates grant was not approved to establish a Multicultural Learning Center to be housed in the Johnson Public Library. Mrs. Burke is collaborating with Ela Kakde from UW-Extension in Lafayette County, Dianna Rogers from Darlington High School, and Marian Maciej-Hiner from UW Continuing Education to find an alternative funding opportunity for the Center through The Program Innovation Fund.

Since 1997, the Vice Chancellor of UW-Extension has administered an institutional fund designed to encourage innovative projects and programs that foster greater collaboration among and between the

UW-Extension divisions, the UW Colleges, and other UW institutions and/or community partners. Approximately \$32,000 will be requested from The Program Innovation Fund, under the auspices of Johnson Public Library and through UW-Extension of Lafayette County, and used for the Multicultural Learning Center, and to hire a Spanish-Speaking Project Coordinator/Consultant and Spanish teachers for Spanish and English classes, purchase software applications, fund marketing and other program expenses. The application deadline is May 1, 2009. Bev Anderson had to leave the meeting early to attend a City Council Committee meeting.

In addition, Director Burke is working with the Darlington Hispanic Advisory Council to seek other grants possible through possible sources such as Alliant Energy, Excellence in Education and LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) for the Multicultural Learning Center. In the future, the money requested from these funding resources may be used to purchase a projector to be used for teaching presentations, Smart Board for Spanish and English classes, and laptop computers.

Mrs. Burke reported on a LSTA grant for 2009 written by Krista Ross Director of Southwest Wisconsin Library System for Hispanic Outreach in the amount of \$500 to purchase Spanish language materials and an additional \$500 to hold an educational program on Hispanic culture in the fall of this year. Also, one handheld 12-language (speaking) global translator for use at the service desk to aid in communication is available for the library. In order to receive the money, library director and/or staff need to attend classes on conversational Spanish.

Also, Krista Ross is applying for another noncompetitive system grant allowing money for jobs-searching, training and support at the library for participating SWLS libraries. The deadline is May 15, 2009. More information will be distributed about the grant at a future Library Board meeting.

After discussion, the Board agreed with Director Burke not to purchase an Enterprise Support Agreement for after hours technology support because emergency support after hours is not needed at this time.

The Board agreed to an Amnesty Week as part of celebrating Children's' Book Week, May 12-18, 2009. All fines on late library materials will be forgiven for one week.

Director Burke reported on the information on bids to purchase a wide screen LCD/HD television for the children's library. The money will come from the Steil Certificate of Deposit, and the television/video area will carry the Steil family name. She received two bids, one from Radio Shack of Platteville and the other from Fuzzy's Audio and Video of Monroe. After discussion by the Board, they decided to table the discussion, requesting further clarifications on both bids. Also, members asked that the Yamaha Surround SoundBar be removed from one of the bids and replaced with traditional speakers. The Board agreed to take action on the purchase of the LCD/HD television at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Ringen and seconded by Murphy to approve the payment of the February and March 2009 vouchers in the amount of \$4,080.93. Motion carried.

Because of the Memorial Holiday observance on May, 25, 2009, the Board meeting will be moved to a week earlier on May 18, 2009. A motion was made for adjournment by Murphy, and seconded by Spellman. Motion carried.

~Submitted by: Jeanne Tierney