

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

August 31, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice-President Jill Ringen. Members present were Director, Nita Burke, Jill Ringen, Bev Anderson, Mary Jo Murphy, Jean Tierney, Dr. Denise Wellnitz, David Chellevold, Dr. Matt Solverson.

Motion by Bev Anderson seconded by Mary Jo Murphy that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion to approve the minutes taken at the preceding meeting was made by Murphy and seconded by Anderson.

The nomination and election of officers resulted in the following:

Jill Ringen, President

Mary Jo Murphy, Vice-President

Secretary, Bev Anderson

Director Nita Burke reported that the Summer Library Reading Program (SLP) Be Creative @ Your Library was very successful with 610 attending 10 programs and 5 movies. Highlights of the program were Jim Birkel the Mad Scientist from Iowa, award-winning performances from the DHS Forensics Team, a visit from Dr. Seuss's, The Cat and the Hat and the ever popular David Landau. Children participated in face-painting, worm races, sidewalk chalk drawing and a writing contest. The top reader came in with 90 books read! Readers had numerous "auction bucks" that they used to bid on toys and other prizes at the Annual Reading Bucks Auction. First, second, third and fourth place top readers were recognized in the local paper.

Young Adults performed the *Fairy Godmother's Assistant* by Bruce Lansky for Story Hour on August 28 as part of the Express Yourself Summer Library Reading Program for older children. They will repeat their performance at Twilight Family Story Hour on September 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Plans are underway for a photography contest this Fall, entitled, "Beautiful Wisconsin," as an adult opportunity to Express Yourself at the Johnson Public Library.

The Library Board is excited about the participation in the summer programs and encouraged an emphasis on the reading/creative writing connection. Discussion was held on the importance of monthly advertising via the local papers, websites and flyers to communicate the summer programs in the future.

Burke reported on the following items:

- Johnson Public Library increased broadband access and Internet speed this summer. There will be a continuing effort to apply for grants for regional access to increased broadband through stimulus money, when and if available. The Board discussed the need for regional cooperation and the possibility for future wireless solutions to increase Internet connectivity and speed.

- There are plans for a Dia De Los Muertos (Hispanic Halloween) celebration using \$500 of grant money earmarked for Hispanic Outreach requiring a Fall event. Burke requested to open the library on a Sunday afternoon for music and to serve food at the event. Board discussed the “no food-no drink” policy in the library and suggested that food be served in a tent outside of the library. Motion by Jean Tierney to support the event, seconded by Murphy. Motion carried.
- Learning Express database is now available through Johnson Public Library as part of a Jobs Training Grant. The new database offers bilingual training for the Citizenship Test and GED. Learning Express includes a component of study for the ACT and SAT exams. Also, Learning Express offers resume and jobs training and computer skills practice.
- Burke requested permission to continue the use of volunteers at the library due to the success of volunteers this summer who have been extremely helpful. Library Board members suggested that a volunteer policy be written including background checks. Board was in favor of volunteers at the library as long as insurance covered them on the premises.
- There will be two author visits at the library this Fall. Tim Pletkovich will be signing copies of his book entitled *Civil War Fathers: Sons of the Civil War in WWII* on Saturday, October, 3, 2009 at 10 a.m. and Laurie Hird will talk about her new book, *The Farmer’s Wife Sampler Quilt* at a later date.

Under new business, Burke proposed that the library purchase a video camera from donated monies. She presented two types of cameras with three bids from different companies. Matt Solverson made the motion to purchase the Sony from Tricom Radio Shack with 1 year warranty for \$528 including support and parts. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Also under new business, David Chellevoid made a motion to continue the Interlibrary loan three-day-delivery contract with SWLS for 2010 at the cost of \$894. Solverson seconded the motion.

Burke announced that Johnson Public Library received over \$700 from the sale of used books and requested that the Library Board transfer matching funds from the Librarian account. Solverson made a motion to transfer \$1000 of funds to the books purchased account. Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

Motion by Denise Wellnitz and seconded by Solverson to pay the June and July vouchers. Librarian Acct #1211 through #1250 of \$700.83 and Families First acct # 1066 through #1067 of \$35.95. Motion carried.

Next Library Board Meeting will be on October 5, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Tierney and seconded by Solverson.

Submitted by Bev Anderson