

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

February 22, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Jill Ringen. Members present were Director, Nita Burke, Jill Ringen, Mary Jo Murphy, Dr. Denise Wellnitz, Dr. Matt Solverson, David Chellevoid and Jeanne Tierney. Mayor Dave Bruenig also attended the meeting. Absent: Bev Anderson

Motion by Jeanne Tierney and seconded by Mary Jo Murphy that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried.

Motion by Dave Chellevoid seconded by Dr. Denise Wellnitz to approve the meeting minutes of January 25, 2010. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, Library Director Nita Burke suggested that they form committees to plan the Commemorative Open House on May 16, 2010 for Ervin Johnson at Johnson Public Library. The Board will be in charge of purchasing the cement bench for the front of the library and the commemorative program. Other committees will be food, invitations and advertising.

The Board briefly discussed the stimulus grant updates as of February 18. NTIA awarded a broadband grant to the WI Department of Administration for its Badger net expansion. The \$28.7 million project will provide fiber optic connections to approximately 467 community anchor institutions in 380 Wisconsin communities. Johnson Public Library has been named one of the community anchor institutions in the grant. More information about the broadband grant and forthcoming broadband conference will be discussed in a future Board Meeting.

Under New Business, Gordon Flesch Company, Inc and Midwest Business Products proposed for replacement copy machines, Canon IR 2022 and Sharp MXM200D respectively. The Board received more information about the lease options before deciding upon the purchase. Dr. Matt Solverson questioned how many copies were on the old copy machine. There are about 138, 267 copies at the last count. Chellevoid moved to pursue the 48 month lease with Midwest Business Products with a trade in of the old copier. Murphy seconded. Carried.

Nita reviewed the Annual Report for the year 2009 with the Board, noting an increase in circulation numbers from 46684 to 59280. The number of registered borrowers decreased from 2941 to 2817. Nita explained that the librarians weeded out library patrons who did not use their card for over three to five years. If the former patrons wish to register again, they will be issued a new key card at no charge. After reviewing the Annual Report and Trust Fund Report, Tierney moved to send the statistics on to the Department of Public Instruction with a second from Wellnitz. Motion carried.

The Tim Pletkovitch author event was cancelled due to inclement weather. Computer classes are open for the public at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings continuing through the month of March, except for March 16.

On March 16, Linda Thompson will facilitate Twilight Evening Story Hour at 6:30 p.m. Linda will be reading books from the author, Audrey Wood, who is best known for her book, *The Napping House*. Also in the month of March, English as Second Language (ESL) classes will continue on Thursday afternoons for an hour beginning at 12:30 pm. Rita Noble from Southwest Technical College and volunteer Savannah Blaser are assisting with the ESL classes. Forthcoming in April, 2010, the Chinese Lecture series from UW-Platteville Confucius Institute will be held at Johnson Public Library.

The Board approved the Librarian Account vouchers #1309 through #1370 for \$15,020.32. Motion by Wellnitz and seconded by Tierney. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chellevoid and seconded by Murphy. Motion carried. The next Library Board of Directors meeting will be on Monday, March 22, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Dr. Matt Solverson