

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
JOHNSON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 28, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Jill Ringen. Members present were Director, Nita Burke, Jill Ringen, Dr. Matt Solverson, Beverly Anderson, Jeanne Tierney, and David Chellevoid. Mary Jo Murphy, Dr. Denise Wellnitz

Motion by Mary Jo Murphy and seconded by Dr. Denise Wellnitz that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried.

Minutes taken at previous May 24, 2010 meeting were approved with one clarification, “no action was taken by motion but recommendation was made to the Director” as stated in the last paragraph.

Old Business:

Nita presented the plans for the Sunday, July 25th OPEN HOUSE at noon celebrating the first 10 years at the new facility. The theme for the event is *Benchmarking Our Future-Honoring Our Past*. At 1 p.m. Kathleen Rinear from the Immanuel United Church of Christ will speak at the dedication of the benches purchased by the Board of Trustees in honor of Ervin and Phyllis Johnson who passed away earlier this year. At 2 p.m. the WonderWeavers Storytellers will return for a repeat performance to entertain all, children and adults. Advertising postcards, email and flyers were reviewed as well as ads for the Shopping News and Republican Journal. Dr. Matt Solverson suggested an Around Town article in the local newspaper for the Johnson Public Library. Refreshments for the Open House will be cake, cupcakes, to be ordered from Piggly Wiggly and the local bakery. Some ideas for the day of the event will be as follows: The large flat screen in the Children’s Library will project highlights from the summer library reading program; another television will project the day of the move from the old library to the new. A pictorial history of the library will be in the display case. Nita suggested asking volunteers to help for the day’s events. Jeanne Tierney suggested that perhaps a few demonstrations of technical equipment might be appropriate also. Projected budget for the event will be approximately \$3000. David Chellevoid motioned to move forward with the event at the estimated cost of \$3000, seconded by Tierney. Carried.

Bev Anderson and Nita Burke attended the Southwest Wisconsin Library System Trustee Annual Meeting in Fennimore, on Wednesday, June 23, 2010. Bev Anderson reported that Public Library System Director, Krista Ross, talked about the requirements for system members, according to Wisconsin State Stats 43.15 (4) (c), including Library Director Certification.

In other business, Nita announced that there will be Southwest Library Board Trustee training at Johnson Public Library on Tuesday, July 6 at 6 p.m. The topic will be about running effective meetings. All Board members are encouraged to attend.

New Business:

In new business, Nita proposed the purchase of two new computers for the children's library. She suggested that the Board approve two Apple iMacs, wireless with 21 inch touch screens. Discussion followed concerning costs, advantages (video production and graphics), Board advised further research with three bids from vendors to be presented at the next meeting. The money for the computers is a budget line item from the Librarian account.

The Tech Plan for 2007-2010 was handed to the Board with suggestion for goals and objectives for the forthcoming update. Suggestions from Board included that the mission statement of the Johnson Public Library be included in the tech plan as stated in all other policies. Nita suggested that some of the goals be broken down into the years, 2011, 2010 and 2013 and include technology purchases. Board will take present Technology Plan home to review along with the goals and objectives and offer suggestions for the update in future meetings.

Summer Library Reading Program with the main events such as Snakes Alive and the Worm Races were well attended and successful. Nita gave the Board a marketing bookmark with all of the future events posted in both English and Spanish for future reference.

For other announcements, Nita reported that the new hire, Peggy North was training for the Library Aide and was doing an excellent job.

Donations to Johnson Public Library included \$50 from Michael and Kim Bakalars in honor of George Bannister and \$200 from the Legion Lafayette County Advocacy Fund.

Board President Jill Ringen will be retiring after six years of service on the Library Board. She was presented with a certificate of appreciation for serving as Library Board President and thanked by each of the Board Members. Ringen suggested in her parting remarks that the librarian account be more actively used for wish list/needs of the library. Books, large print and books on CD, really needed for more circulation were mentioned.

Motion by Solverson and second by Mary Jo Murphy to approve the payment of vouchers # 1424 through #1456. Carried. Motion by Murphy and seconded by Solverson to adjourn the meeting. Carried. Next meeting will be Monday, July 26, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Beverly Anderson