

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

March 29, 2010

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

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

Motion by Tierney, seconded by Dr. Matt Solverson to approve the meeting minutes of February 22, 2010. Motion carried.

Under Old Business , Nita researched the 48- month lease with Midwest Business Products with a trade in of the old copier for a new one. She explained leasing with a buyout and associated costs. A motion by Dave Chellevoid seconded by Solverson to purchase the copier without a lease from Midwest Business Products for \$3680 with a service agreement. Carried. Funding for the copier is a budgeted line item.

Further discussion was held about the fax and network capabilities of the new copier which would require either using one of the two existing phone lines or obtaining another dedicated line for the fax. Use of the existing lines would require voice mail at the additional cost of \$15.95. Since the telephone cost is a city budget line item, Nita agreed to discuss the issue with the City Clerk and return to the Board next month with more information and a recommendation. Copier will be purchased without the fax installation until a consensus of the Board.

English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are having an excellent success on Thursday afternoons with Savannah Blaser assisting Nita as a volunteer. They, along with Rita Noble from Southwest Technical College have about 8 participants learning to speak English with video aided instruction. Nita asked the Board to allow continued English language instruction until the month of August. Board had some reservations about continuing throughout the summer but came to a positive consensus.

In other old business, Nita said that the RTI CD and DVD repair machine was working well. The new machine repairs damaged books and movies on disc to almost new condition. The Connecting Wisconsin conference will be held April 22nd at the Belmont Convention Center. Nita said she plans to attend and also invite local representatives from the schools, county to attend the conference to learn about how the grant and stimulus money will provide service to underserved areas in Southwest Wisconsin. Registration must be completed by April 12, 2010.

Tentatively, May 16 was set for the Open House at Johnson Public Library celebrating the first 10 years of service. The event will also commemorate Ervin and Phyllis Johnson in lieu of their recent deaths. Nita will proceed with the event planning and contact the Board immediately if there are any date changes. Motion by

Solverson and seconded by Chellevoid to purchase two polished top straight benches with aggregate finish, 72” L x 16-1/2” H for the outside entrance to Johnson Public Library in memory of Ervin and Phyllis Johnson.

Display case policy and contents along with possible future displays were discussed. Nita restated the current policy that the Library will not raffle chances for outside organizations, but can display artwork. Presently, Palapalooza is on display at the library for one week. The Board shared their email addresses so that Nita can share timely information and approval in between Library Board meetings, without trying to call everyone on the telephone.

Johnson Public Library will participate in the upcoming community events:

- April 12 – 6:30 p.m. Twilight Family Story Hour- Down on the Farm- Celebrate our Children Coalition
Members will perform at Johnson Public Library
- April 13 – 5:30 to 7:30 The first of three Chinese lectures for adults at the library
- April 17 – 10 a.m. Lafayette County Children’s Fair at the DEMS Gymnasium
- April 18 – Our Town, Library and Families First will sponsor “Juggling It All” at DHS
- April 27 and May 4 – 5:30 to 7:30 The second and third Chinese lectures for adults at the library
- May 1 – Cinco de Mayo
- June 17 – 3:30 –Snakes Alive the “kick off event” for the Summer Library Reading Program
at Johnson Public Library

The Board approved the Librarian Account vouchers #1371 through #1383 for \$1949.98.
Motion by DeniseWellnitz and seconded by Jeanne Tierney. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Della Clayton will retire from Library service as of May 7, 2010. Position will be advertised.

Currently, the Darlington Hispanic Advisory Committee is accepting applications for grant funded form translations from local organizations and businesses at the library.

Nita is looking for community volunteers to participate in a future strategic planning session for the library, in the Fall.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Tierney and seconded by Solverson Motion carried. The next Library Board of Directors meeting will be on Monday, April 26, 2010.

Submitted by Beverly Anderson