

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
JOHNSON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
May 24, 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, David Chellevoid. Mary Jo Murphy. Excused : Dr. Denise Wellnitz

Motion by Dr. Matt Solverson and seconded by Jeanne Tierney that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried.

Minutes taken at previous April 26, 2010 meeting were approved with clarification to correct date on the minute's document. Tierney moved to approve the minutes with changes. Mary Jo Murphy seconded. Carried

Under Old Business, discussion was held concerning the fax function on the new copy machine. Nita explained that not having a fax at the library is an inconvenience both for her and patrons, especially distance learners who use a fax to mail tests and homework. An installation cost of approximately \$80 with a \$40 monthly fee was requested for a fax at the library. She recommended waiting for the budget process to move forward, but the Board decided to fund the fax from the Librarian account in order to get statistics on fax usage for the next budget period. Motion by Dave Chellevoid to move forward with the fax using the librarian account until the next budget process. Mary Jo Murphy seconded the motion. Carried.

Nita had previously polled Mineral Point library and learned that the library charged the public \$2.00 fax for the first sheet and \$1.00 fax for outgoing sheets after the first sheet, so the library will plan to bill accordingly. Also she acknowledged that a fax is offered at some local businesses but will avoid under pricing them.

Under other business, Nita distributed an article supporting the broadband conference last spring in Belmont and future support for rural broadband initiatives.

The Chinese culture series lectures by UW-Platteville Continuing Education were a success at the library and the Board expressed gratitude for the donated books about Chinese history, geography and culture.

Nita and the Library Board thanked Jill Ringen for her years on the Library Board and serving as the Board President. Jill will finish her term as of June 30, 2010.

Also the Board received a thank you from the Gary Ringen family for the flowers received after the death of Gary's mother.

George Bannister from Gratiot passed away. He was a life-long supporter of Johnson Public Library and the Board recognized his monetary support over the year.

The Board acknowledged the thank you from Della Clayton for the retirement gift.

The Board also acknowledged the thank you from a small community in Mexico who was able to restock the shelves of the Scalar Primary School Library Closet with weeded books that the library no longer had use for from many American libraries, including Johnson Public Library. The thank you note, complete with pictures, read "the children were thrilled that each child was able to check out one book!"

Plans to distribute a *Save the Date* notification to organizations, schools, churches and businesses for Sunday, July 25, 2010 Open House/Commemorative at Johnson Public Library for Ervin and Phyllis Johnson are underway. Both benefactors of the library passed away a few months ago. Public notices and invitations via newspapers and radio stations will be distributed to the community closer to the event.

Under new business, Nita requested that the Board approve a Multicultural Information Center rack for the library. Board members expressed concern for the chosen information rack in that they questioned safety issues because of the size and location. Nita will search for an alternative piece of furniture.

Two outdoor display cases to announce new hours and events and attached to the front of the library were approved at the estimated price of \$193 a piece. The display cases will replace the wooden signs for hours in front of the library that are badly in need of repair. Motion by Dr. Solverson to purchase the cases, seconded by Chellevoid. Motion carried.

Nita reported that the prior usage of Heritage Quest at Johnson Public library was about 10,000 hits a year before the database became available and free of charge in Badgerlink. There is another opportunity to purchase another valuable genealogy database called Ancestry.com for use in the library for \$865 for the remainder of 2010 and a purchase price of \$1731 for the year 2011. After a positive review of the database, Tierney motioned to purchase the database with a second by Mary Jo Murphy to take advantage of the free trial and purchase program. Motion carried.

Also, the Summer Library Reading Program Line-up for Make a Splash, READ was presented to the Board on a two-sided bookmark, one side in English and the other side in

Spanish, informing the Board of summer dates, times and events. Members are encouraged to promote and attend some of the featured programs to name a few: Snakes Alive, Life Guards and water safety, Al the Magician and the musician, Allan Lieberman.

Wet, Wild and Wacky will be the theme for Twilight Family Story Hour that will be held a week early in June, on Tuesday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m. The national renowned WonderWeavers will spin some unusual stories.

Motion by Dr. Solverson, seconded by Tierney to approve payment of the April 2010 voucher numbers #1401 through #1423 in the amount of \$7,041.65 and the Families First voucher #1068 in the amount of \$100.00

The Board went into closed session according to Sec. 19. 85 (1) (c) Wis Stats. to discuss the selection of an applicant for Library Aide. Roll Call vote. Unanimous motion by Chellevoid, seconded by Dr. Solverson. No action was taken by motion but recommendation was made to the Director to make the selection for the best candidate with the required library and computer skills to replace the employee who recently retired.

Motion by Dr. Solverson, seconded by Murphy to reconvene to regular session. Roll Call Vote. Carried.

Motion by Murphy seconded by Dr. Solverson to adjourn to June 28, 2010.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Beverly Anderson*