

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
JOHNSON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 25, 2010

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

Nita distributed an article about the characteristics of good library trustees and commended the current board members for possessing the same good characteristics.

Dr. Solverson made the motion that the meeting and agenda were properly posted. Seconded by Mary Jo Murphy. Carried.

Minutes taken at previous meeting of September 27, 2010 were corrected on the second page, and 4th and 5th paragraphs. Motion by Murphy and second by Dr. Solverson to accept the minutes with changes. Carried.

Old Business:

Adjustment to previously approved 2011 library budget to reflect FICA error in salaries. Motion by Dr. Denise Wellnitz and seconded by Jeanne Tierney. Carried.

Extended library hours are proving successful so official action to open at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays and extend hours to 5:30 p.m. on Friday evening is in order. Hours will be posted on the signs, advertising and put in the paper. Motion by Murphy, seconded by Tierney. Carried.

Alliant Energy Foundation has granted three laptop computers as part of an earlier grant application. Total money granted will be announced on December 6, 2010 by Alliant. At that time, Johnson Public Library will announce the gift to the public. Nita will write a handwritten thank you to Alliant Energy in Mineral Point.

New Business:

Discussion was held about the maintenance job position and alternative options until the full-time position is filled. The Board was not in favor of library personnel cleaning at both the library and city building. Nita will talk to Dave Williams for description of what the temporary job will entail and determine if library personnel will have enough hours for additional duties through the holiday months.

Nita has been working on a technology plan incorporating library goals with Southwest Wisconsin Library System goals. The plan is ready to incorporate goals of Darlington Community Schools. Dr. Wellnitz suggested a format and explained how goals 1, 3, 4 and 5

would be suitable for Johnson Public Library. Dr. Solverson suggested that home schooled children and students from religious schools and other facilities also be considered in the plan. The Board will review a tentative plan next month.

Since there are increasing requests for use of the Heritage Room, Nita, after conversing with peers has revised the prior meeting room policy. Board members stressed once again that the Heritage Room should be used by non-profits and for educational topics only and not for business or personal gain. She will have it evaluated by a few more legal authorities before submitting it to the Board for the final reading. Due to prior projects and the holidays, further strategic planning will be delayed until March of 2011.

The computer classes taught by Business teacher, Kurt Peterson, and sponsored by SWLS and SWTC are in such demand that Nita expressed regrets that the classes were already filled for November and many on a waiting list. The library has only six computers in the round for instruction without the laptops. Dr. Wellnitz offered the school computer labs if scheduling permitted. Nita said that she would be happy to help Mr. Peterson teach either at the library or at the school. She will follow-up with all persons concerned.

Present and Upcoming Events:

Hispanic photographic display at the library until November 4, 2010.

The Optimist Club is sponsoring storyteller Jane Swiggum and theme of “Dragons” for Twilight Story Hour on November 16, 2010 at 6:30 in the library.

The bilingual Twilight Story Hour featuring piñatas will be postponed until Tuesday, December 21, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Solverson voted to approve September vouchers of #1515 through #1544 in the amount of \$3397.29 Nate Wiegel seconded. Carried.

Motion by Murphy and seconded by Dr. Wellnitz to adjourn the meeting. Next meeting will be November 29 at 6:30 p.m.

— *Minutes respectfully submitted by Bev Anderson*