

International Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees
October 7, 2009
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Laura Menefee at 4:35 p.m.

Members Present: Lee Lepper, Susan Savard, Liz Johnson, Laura Menefee, Ormond Cooper, Kathy West and Director Diane Adams

Members Absent: Nancy McBride

Additions to Agenda: Recertification and Holiday Hours were added under New Business.

Minutes: After two minor corrections were made, Kathy moved to accept the minutes of the September meeting; the motion was seconded by Liz.

Financial Report and Bills: A motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills was made by Lee and seconded by Liz.

Director's Report:

Diane reported on the library workload and on attendance at the various programs being offered. She noted that history instructors from the college and high school are encouraging their students to attend documentary movie night at the library. A girl scout group and a knitting group are being allowed to hold meeting in the meeting room on a weekly basis. Cataloging of Vigilance Collection materials is up to date.

Old Business:

Zurkowski Donation: The Life DVD series has been purchased with Zurkowski funds. The funds also will be used to purchase 36 folding chairs, a chair truck to hold them, and two bigger speakers so that larger crowds can be accommodated in the meeting room.

2010 Budget: There has been no further news from the city.

New Business:

Upcoming Programs: Fall programming continues. A teen gaming and pizza party will be held at the library from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 15. The next documentary movie night will be held on Monday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m. Two short films will show attendees how the global economy can affect ordinary people.

Women's Wellness Fair: The library will have a table at this event which will be held at Backus on Wednesday, October 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

H1N1 and the Library: Persons showing flu symptoms may not be asked to leave the library. Hand disinfectant and disinfectant wipes will be available at the desk. Staff may wear masks if they choose to do so.

Recertification: The city is supporting the library at less than the minimum amount required by

law; therefore the library needs to be recertified. The City Administrator has applied for this.

Holiday Hours: It was decided that the library will close at 1pm on Thursday, December 24 and reopen on Monday, December 28.

Friends of the Library: Friends are registered with a new website givemn.org. The website is sponsored by several philanthropic organizations and its purpose is to allow people to make donations to organizations listed on the website without incurring added expense. The entire amount of the donation goes to the organization designated by the giver.

The friends will hold their next book sale on Tuesday, October 27 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

ALS Report: The ALS report was made available to be read. ALS has hired a graphic designer and is in the final stage of hiring a technical services librarian.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, November 4 at 4:30 p.m. (Note the date change to the first Wednesday of the month.) This meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.