

Minutes
International Falls Library Board of Trustees
July 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Lee Lepper at 9:10 am.

Present: Lee Lepper, Ormand Cooper, Liz Johnson, Nancy McBride, Kathy West and Director Diane Adams

Absent: Susan Savard and Shelby Dowty

Introductions: Diane introduced guests Jim Weikem, Director of ALS, and Rod Otterness, International Falls City Administrator

Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the June meeting was made by Kathy seconded by Liz and approved.

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

Director's Report: Diane reported that circulation for June was more than 11,000 and that more than 450 summer reading bags were handed out to children. June programs were well attended with more than 150 people in attendance at the puppet show and more than 125 attended the juggler show. Diane also reported on other summer programs including a Soudan Mine presentation on June 29 and the Radio Show on July 13.

Old Business:

- Backus did not receive the grant allowing them to purchase a projector and screen, so an alternative might be to use Vigilance money for the purchase and hold the film nights at Backus.
- The film festival now is listed on "Without a Box," an independent film festival site. The first film class currently has three participants and four more interested people.
- KSDM radio so far has not been responsive to allowing Diane, as a public service, to discuss library events on the radio.

New Business:

- Upcoming programs include a Minnesota Aquarium presentation this afternoon, a Teen Photography workshop on July 20, a music concert featuring a group from British Columbia called "Down by the Docks" scheduled for July 26, and a Landscaping program scheduled for August 16.
- Staffing is short due to a resignation; Kathy moved to hire a new part time employee beginning in September. The move was seconded by Lee and approved unanimously. The new employee would work approximately 14 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$7.50.
- Diane showed a PowerPoint presentation of library usage, statistics, and history along with the preliminary budget presentation. Kathy moved to approve the rough draft of the budget; Lee seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

- Plans for celebration the library's 100 year centennial in 2011 were discussed. We decided to request that \$5000 be budgeted for the celebration.
- Rod Otterness thanked board members for volunteering and encouraged celebration of the library's centennial.

Friends of the Library: Friends will hold book sales July 20 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and during the Bass Tournament on August 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ALS Report: Jim Weikum discussed state finances, budget cuts, maintenance of effort and the strategic planning process for member libraries. Individual plans will be found on the ALS website under each library. He also informed us that ALS will be the fiscal agent for BBER, a project conducted by the Labovitz School of Business at UMD. The purpose of the project is to get hard data on the economic impact of libraries.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 11 at 10:00 a.m. This meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.