

Minutes
International Falls Library Board of Trustees
January 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Nancy McBride at 4:30 p.m.

Present: Nancy McBride, Susan Savard, Liz Johnson, Director Diane Adams, new board members Christy Bubolz and Steve Wiley

Absent: Shelby Dowty, Lee Lepper

Introductions: Christy Bubolz and Steve Wiley were introduced and welcomed as new board members.

Minutes: Susan moved to accept the minutes of the December meeting. The motion was seconded by Liz and approved.

Financial Report and Bills: Nancy moved to accept the financial report and pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Susan and approved.

Director's Report: Diane reported that the library ended 2010 with circulation down 7% from 2009. However, reference questions asked and the number of people visiting the library has climbed, 40% and 6% respectively. Program attendance for the most part has continued to be healthy. Diane will do some renewed publicity about craft night to keep numbers growing. Diane stated concerns about the Northeast Service Cooperative's Middle Mile Project and the 10 year contract they want us to sign. There is an Expanded Consumer Reports for Automotives, but after discussion the board was not in favor of adding this to our database. Diane will apply to view the VNP properties to possibly bid on some tables, chairs, and bookshelves that could be put to use within the library. She also mentioned that we would be able to purchase a one year on-line access to a financial literacy site for \$495. The board was in favor of doing this with the use of the Zurkowski funds. Smokey Bear Park will be WiFi enabled due to the library. A sign acknowledging this will be put up this spring.

Old Business: Zurkowski Fund: Diane is looking into an interactive play structure for the Junior Library.

Film Festival: Two films have been submitted. Diane will contact the Fort Frances High School with information concerning our film festival. She has also met with Ward Merrill, Executive Director of Backus, in regards to the projector and 18'x24' screen that will be purchased with Zurkowski Funds, to be installed in Backus Auditorium.

New Business: Upcoming Programs: Winter Reading started Monday, January 10th. On Tuesday, the 18th, a snowflake art project funded by the Legacy Funds will be presented. We will have at

least one Legacy Funded program each month between now and May. The movie, "Water First" will be shown and discussed on Monday, January 31st at 6:30 p.m.

Replacement of Board Member: Shelby Dowty feels that she must resign her position on the board due to responsibilities concerning her job. Diane will contact someone from the list of potential board members to replace Shelby's position.

Director's Evaluation: The board gave Diane a positive evaluation and recommended a 1% raise in pay.

Friends of the Library: The next book sale will be Wednesday, January 19th from 2 – 4 p.m.

ALS Report: No report available.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 9th at 4:30 p.m. This meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.