

International Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees
August 12, 2009
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Nancy McBride at 10:05 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Susan Savard

Additions to Agenda: Voluntary Simplicity Group re. Zurkowski funds

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the July meeting was made by Laura and seconded by Liz.

Financial Report and Bills: A financial report was not available. A motion to pay the bills was made by Kathy and seconded by Laura.

Director's Report: Diane gave the Director's report, and the library continues to have a very busy summer with circulation up 4 percent for the year to date.

Old Business:

_ Zurkowski Donation: An order has been received and will be cataloged. There was discussion about the possibility of using Zurkowski funds to enhance computer literacy of library patrons. One idea was to develop DVD teaching videos that could be used with small players next to the computers.

_ 2010 Budget: Diane met with the finance committee of the city council last Monday, and will try to get a 2% increase for staff because the workload has increased considerably. The total request represents a 4% increase over the "final" 2009 budget. Diane's plan is to cover the increase by using uncommitted library moneys from previous years.

New Business:

_ Upcoming Programs: Diane discussed her plans for Fall programming. Monday night film documentaries will continue to be provided for adults. Family nights will be reduced to one in October and one in February, but each Tuesday evening children will have access to an "Art in the Bag" project. Gaming nights for teens will continue.

_ Proctor Policy: A policy is being developed and will be presented at the September meeting.

_ Voluntary Simplicity Group: It was decided that Zurkowski funding will not be used for this group, nor will they meet in the library. Diane will refer them to the Community Education Program which the board felt would be a more appropriate venue.

Friends of the Library:

Friends will hold a book sale on Friday, August 28 while visitors are in town for the bass

tournament. An outside table will be set up. Board members volunteered to help.

ALS Report: The ALS report was made available to be read.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 9 at 4:30 p.m. This meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.