

International Falls Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
July 15, 2009  
Minutes

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

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

**Members Absent:** none

**Additions to Agenda:** none

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting was made by Nancy and seconded by Laura.

**Financial Report and Bills:** A motion to approve the financial report and pay the bills was made by Laura and seconded by Liz.

**Director's Report:** Diane gave the Director's report, and remarked on how extremely busy the library has been with nearly 11,000 items having been checked out in June. There was discussion on how to keep children who live in poverty reading during the summer months, so that they will not regress in their reading skills.

**Old Business:**

- \_ Zurkowski Donation: A material's order is being prepared.
- \_ Database Changes: Diane continues to work on database changes, and the Home Improvement database should be on line shortly. It was decided not to purchase the Global Issues in Context database because of its high cost.
- \_ Knudson Family Community Grant: The second deadline for the grant is October 1, 2009, and the application will be submitted in time for the deadline. (Grant funds would be used to purchase children's materials for 2010.)
- \_ ARAC Grant: The deadline for this grant is February 2010. The regional library systems will receive some of this grant money, and Diane is unsure of how it will be distributed. (Grant funds from our application would be used to work with Backus to develop a local film festival.)

**New Business:**

- \_ Summer reading is going strong with 190 children already having read for five hours each. Four hundred twenty five summer reading bags have been handed out. Special programs continue with a musician Hans Meyer coming tomorrow.
- \_ 2010 Budget: The proposed budget for 2010 was discussed at length. There was concern about some of the proposed cuts, but it was decided to tighten our belts and forge on. Diane will request a 2% cost of living increase for library employees, as they have been doing more with less.

**Friends of the Library:** Friends filed their annual report; that small group raises about \$5000 each year to benefit the library. They will be holding their next book sale on July 21.

**ALS Report:** There is no meeting in July.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, August 12 at 10:00 a.m. This meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.