

**Musser Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, April 20, 2011
Library Conference Room**

Present – Compton, Knoernschild, Koehrsen, Olson, Stelzner, Wojtecki

Absent – Nus, Rodriguez

Staff – Anderson, Benefiel, Collins

Friends Rep – Gabbard

Call to Order – President Stelzner called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. New Board member Jim Compton was welcomed.

Approve Agenda – Koehrsen moved to approve the agenda as amended to add an update from the Levy Committee to Old Business. Second by Wojtecki. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes – Koehrsen moved to approve the minutes of March 16, 2011 as written. Second by Wojtecki. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment – Olson moved to ratify the payment of the bills listed below. Second by Wojtecki. All ayes. Motion carried.

4-8-11	5,072.78
4-22-11	28,856.39

Citizens Speak – Stelzner commented that the Grossheim Photo Exhibit Opening at River's Edge Gallery on April 15 was very well attended by a unique mix of people.

Staff Liaison – Benefiel reported that Fine Free Week will take place starting Saturday May 21 and continue through Friday May 27. Adults and children can ask to have their fines cleared on returned items and will be able to replace lost cards free of charge, all in anticipation of the start of the Summer Reading Program.

Two new staff members have recently been hired. Patrick Miller is the new shelver and Rod Peck fills the new position of Holds Clerk.

Friends Report – Gabbard reported that the Friends have pledged up to \$2,500 in funding for the Summer Reading Program.

Director's Report – Collins turned in her written report and added the following: The last Voices & Visions program of the season, "Norman Baker: Man in Purple", held April 19 at the Muscatine History and Industry Center, was presented by Max Churchill. Approximately 65 people were in attendance.

Collins will meet with the director of the West Liberty Library next week to discuss ways for our two libraries to partner and possibly share in grant writing for funding of technology programming.

Old Business

Update on QLinC – The majority of member libraries favor the Polaris system. It is very user-friendly. They have come down in price from their original quote, and so the cost

for each library would go down as well. Policies will be standardized between libraries. There will be regular monthly meetings involving all libraries and their departments. Collins is head of the delivery committee. We will still get delivery five days a week. The plan is to go live with the new system by the end of November and be completely out of PrairieCat by the end of December. We will pay PrairieCat through the end of the year. Patrons will notice that the catalog is easier to navigate. There will be fewer materials in the system, but we will try to meet the demand by buying on request. We will also be leasing dvds and expanding our anime and manga collections.

Computers in Libraries Conference – Collins attended the conference in Washington, DC at the end of March along with staff members Bobby Fiedler and Betty Collins. Some of the educational tracks offered were social networking, web presence, eBooks, mobile trends, marketing, and measuring. The keynote speaker introduced the terms “digital natives” and “digital immigrants” to describe the two categories into which our patrons and staff fall when it comes to current technological knowledge and the ease of using that knowledge. We will need a new web page that accommodates social media such as Twitter and Facebook.

Modify Reproduction of Photographs Policy – Adoption of the modifications to the policy was tabled until next month’s meeting. Koehrsen requested a change in wording to reflect the specific amount of money coming to the library per print sold by River’s Edge Gallery.

Update from Levy Committee – The potential Library Levy was briefly discussed to bring new Board member Compton up to speed. The Levy Committee has now been dissolved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. The next meeting of the Musser Library Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bev Knoernschild
Secretary
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