

ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD MEETING

At The Arrowhead Library System office, 210 Dodge Street, Janesville, Wisconsin

January 14, 2009

Board President, John Berg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Jane Thompson, Richard Bostwick, Karla Nitz, Walter Shannon, Hedberg Public Library Director, Bryan McCormick and ALS Director, Ruth Ann Montgomery.

The minutes of the December 2008 meeting of the ALS board were moved approved by Richard Bostwick and Karla Nitz seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The bills for the month of January 2009 were reviewed. John Berg moved to approve the December bills and seconded by Jane Thompson. The motion was unanimously approved.

Montgomery reported that the statistics for 2009 are being processed for the annual reports for the member libraries. The circulation for all libraries, with the exception of Hedberg is well above 2008. The RockCat system has dramatically assisted in the increased circulation. There is probably also a growing need on the part of the public for library services as the economy uncertain. There have been many local and national reporters recommending libraries as a place to save money for those who purchase books, magazines, and newspapers, use the internet. Many of the libraries are also looking for ways to help job seekers and those who need to use computer skills in new jobs.

Martha Gammons has been working on a Facebook page for Clinton Public Library.

ALS has received notice that they will get the digitization grant for materials at the Eager Free Public Library History Room. Montgomery and Kathi Kemp from Eager Free will be attending an all-day workshop at the UW Memorial Library in Madison to get started with the project. Historic materials have already been selected for digitization.

Gilman allowed non-profits in to take office furniture and supplies and we were able to get file cabinets, three ring binders, file folders, book shelf and an easel. Martha Aasen is rearranging our storage space in the basement using the new file cabinets.

We did not receive the special needs grant with the emphasis on early-childhood literacy. We will be having a meeting of children's service staff at the libraries to discuss the summer reading program and other future events. We are co-sponsoring a summer reading workshop with Lakeshores, MidWisconsin, and Waukesha systems.

John Berg and Ruth Ann will be attending Library Legislation Day in February.

We have received the 2009 contracts from Hedberg for the shared system coordinator space and for the computer trainer. Richard Bostwick moved approval of the contract for the computer trainer and Jane Thompson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The contract for the shared system coordinator's site at Hedberg was discussed. Karla Nitz moved approval of the contract and Richard Bostwick seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Next month we will put transfers to reconcile 2008 accounts on the agenda.

Richard Bostwick moved to adjourn and Karla Nitz seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:20.

Next meeting is Wednesday February 11, 2009 at 6:00 at the Arrowhead Library System office.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Ann Montgomery, Secretary