

**Musser Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, January 19, 2011
Library Conference Room**

Present – Nus, Olson, Stelzner, Wojtecki

Absent – Durham, Knoernschild, Koehrsen, Lande, Rodriguez

Staff – Anderson, Benefiel, Collins

Call to Order – President Stelzner called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Due to lack of a quorum, no official business could be conducted. The minutes of the meeting held December 15, 2010 will be approved at the February 2011 meeting. The bills for payment on January 7 and 21, 2011 will be ratified at the February 2011 meeting.

Citizens Speak – Collins shared a letter received from Judith Lokenvitz praising the Chocolate event and the creative and organizational skills of children's librarian Betty Collins.

Staff Liaison – Benefiel expressed that the staff is happy that the Chocolate event is over and that it went so well. He also reported that we have a new Circulation dept. staff member, Collin Smith.

Friends Report – The Friends representative was absent.

Director's Report – Collins turned in her written report. Discussion was held regarding the Library and our partnerships with other community organizations and businesses.

Library Budget for FY 2011-12

Collins had good news to report regarding the budget. Beginning with the next fiscal year, we will start a five year replacement schedule to replace all computers. This will be in addition to our budget request. At the end of the year any remaining funds left over will go into the replacement fund.

Collins met with the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors. We requested a flat amount and it is anticipated that this will be granted.

The Library's budget hearing with the City Council will be on January 29.

Autograph Collection – Ten autographs have been sold. We still have close to 30 left. Those remaining do not have a high value. The Buffalo Bill autograph will be given to the Buffalo Bill Museum in LeClaire, Iowa. Collins will contact the director there. Nus suggested that the remaining author autographs could be

tied in with their individual books and made into a display to showcase them in the Library. More about this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Board Candidates – The committee of Collins, Koehrsen and Stelzner met to go over the list of potential Board candidates to replace those members going off the Board between now and June 30, 2011. The field has been narrowed down to seven.

Partnership with River's Edge – Discussion was held regarding having River's Edge Gallery take over the printing, selling and shipping of the Grossheim prints. Sheila Chaudoin would still do the research and the negatives would stay at the Library. This would free up Sheila to spend more of her time on local history. More discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Iowa's New Gun Law – Collins asked for input on whether or not to post a sign saying no weapons allowed in the Library. Nus commented that a sign could be more scary than helpful and wouldn't deter anyone who wants to bring a gun in.

The RFID meeting at Bettendorf was cancelled due to the weather. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m. The next meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bev Knoernschild
Secretary
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