

10 E. Chicago Street, Coldwater, MI 49036
Branch District Library System
Meeting of the Branch District Library Board

Alganssee Branch
580-B S. Ray Quincy Rd.
Quincy, MI 49082

May 18, 2009
6:00 P.M.

Minutes

Cherry calls the meeting of the Branch District Library to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present for Roll Call

Dorothy Cherry, President; Gayle Clover, Secretary; Bonnie Frick; Pat Kne; Georgann Reppert;

Absent for Roll Call

Jack Gay (excused), Lynda Chan (excused)

Also Present

Bruce Mills, Director; Jan Clark, Alganssee Branch Manager, Gina Horn, Sherwood Branch Manager / BDL Secretary; Amanda Yearling, BDL Staff; Nola Baker, Adult Services Coordinator; Tom Morgan, Alganssee Township Supervisor; Cindy Sebald; Bob Kne, Erica Ewers; Mary Jo Krantz;

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Frick, supported by Kne, to approve the agenda as amended.
Motion carried.

Brief Public Comments

Sebald reports: Both Union Township and the Friends of the Library have approved the wording for the Development Agreement between the two parties. It cannot be signed yet because there are budgets and development schedules to enter into the agreement, but at least the main body of it has been approved. Both parties have said they will not change the approved portion of the agreement without the consent of the other party.

We do not have any word from the EPA. The Village manager has not been able to get any answers from Congressman, Mark Schauer's office. Frick suggested asking if Congressman, Schauer would assign one of his staff members as the "go to" person for the village and/or Friends to talk to about the EPA site.

The Friends of the Library are re-organizing themselves - there will be a Finance Committee, which will take over the new library as well as continuing with future

fundraisers. There will be an Activities Committee that will continue with the typical Friends function that existed before the beginning of the new library. Sebald states that there's some confusion with the Friends group as to who will be responsible for choosing the furnishings for the interior of the new library and the moving of the material from the old library to the new library. The Board and Director Mills agreed that the librarians and the director with Board approval will choose the furnishings for the interior, which is in the Plan of Service. Mills is willing to talk to the Friends group and explain the library's role in the interior of the building.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Kne, supported by Frick, to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Correspondence

None

Finances

1. Approval of Bills: April 24 & May 8, 2009. **Motion made by Clover, supported by Reppert, to approve both sets of bills as submitted. Motion carried.**
2. Financial Report: April 30, 2009 (Placed on file.)
3. Penal Fine chart: April 30, 2009 (Placed on file.)
4. Bronson Fiduciary Reserved Fund: 2009 (Placed on file.)

Pending Business

1. Reports from Central & Branch Liaisons:
 - a. Algansee – Clark Reports
 1. Story Hour continues every Tuesday as usual.
 2. We are getting ready for the Summer Reading Program, which starts June 6th (right after school gets out). We have been getting crafts and other things ready to go.
 - b. Bronson – Clover reports.
 1. We had the Nelson's Chicken BBQ last Saturday and sold all of the chicken. We made around \$1,500 in profit.
 2. We have picked an elevator and are hoping to break ground before July 1st.
 3. They had a good book sale and were able to raise \$300.
 - c. Coldwater Central – Mills & Baker report.
 1. The good news is that the painters have started in Kid's Place.
 2. Tomorrow evening, we will be having a very talented young author, Charles Aversion who wrote *Detroit, City of Champions*. The story takes place in 1935/1936 and is about the Lions, Tigers and Red Wings teams, which was the only year that all 3 teams were champions. Charles will be there

to talk about his book and answer any questions, as well as sign copies of his book, which will be available for purchase. We will be serving refreshments and would love to see the board members at this event.

3. We will be doing more adult programming and are working on getting someone to come in and help with cover letters and resumes in late June or mid July.
- d. Coldwater Public Library (Holbrook Heritage Room) – Baker reports.
1. The Trace’s Buseum was in the community on Saturday and they were here for 3 hours. There were 27 people who toured the Buseum. The numbers weren’t as high as last year, which could have been due to the weather and other events that weekend.
 2. We have our display cases in and will start displaying different artifacts for the public to view.
 3. We are looking forward to the summer with lots of people visiting the Heritage Room to do research.
 4. We are looking at the possibility of getting a few more volunteers. There may be some scheduling problems over the summer with our current volunteers.
- e. Quincy Branch – Krantz reports.
1. Our computer use is always constant.
 2. We had many genealogy questions come into Quincy, either by mail or phone.
 3. We had 81 MelCat items that were sent out in April.
 4. The Annual Friends meeting was held in Quincy with 28 attending.
 5. The open house is planned for this Friday, May 22nd from 5 – 7 p.m. and will coincide with the Lincoln train coming into town. We are having a showing of our G.A.R. flag and will be able to view the other displays of muskets and other items.
 6. Quincy library celebrated Children’s book week last week with a banner, balloons and candy for each child. Story Hour children all received a new book, compliments of the Friends of the Library.
 7. The Friends of the Library are actively involved, planning the next book sale and helping with the summer events that are being planned.
 8. The township will cover the expense to have the other flag restored.
- f. Sherwood - Horn reports.
1. Our weight loss group met for the last time until the fall and lost a total of 124 pounds. The individuals are continuing to walk daily and monitor their weight.
 2. We are working on the plans for the Summer Reading Program.

3. It has been incredibly busy as the circulation statistics show. The bartender from the Robin Hood Inn has been telling her patrons that they need to walk around the corner to the library and sign up for a library card. I give them the grand tour after they get their new card and explain all of the programs we have available and let them know that we can get materials from other libraries; so just because they don't see it on our shelves, doesn't mean it isn't available. The response has been tremendous.
4. Story Hour and crafts will be every Thursday from 4-5.
- g. Union Branch – Sebald reports.
 1. For the once a month Saturday crafting, they made tea cups with a floral design for Mother's day, which turned out very nicely.
 2. Stevens Puppets is performing this Thursday.
 3. We will be doing a "Cooking with Kids" or "Kids in the Kitchen" at the Congregational Church on Wednesday, June 24th.
 4. Dr. Bird Brain will be coming from the Kalamazoo Nature Center.
 5. We are hoping to have more participants from Community Unlimited, since they are now in the downtown area.
2. Building Committee: Did not meet.
3. Ad-Hoc Committee: (Children's Services Committee) Did not meet.
4. Personnel Committee: Did not meet.
5. Finance Committee: Did not meet.
6. Technology Committee / Children's Internet Protection Act: Did not meet.
7. Director's Report: May 2009 (placed on file)
 - a. Jack Gay contacted Debra Force from the Antique Road Show and asked her if she would appraise the paintings that we have in the Coldwater building. The result is the color handout that you have.
 - b. We need to hire movers. **Motion made by Clover, supported by Kne, to approve the expenditure of \$12,507.00 from Coldwater Capital fund to Molders Red Carpet Moving and Storage for moving all of the books and shelving in Kids Place while the decorating is being done. Motion carried.**
 - c. Kids Place would like the Board's approval for a Coldwater Capital Fund expenditure of \$6,000 for a circulation desk. **Motion made by Clover, supported by Frick, to approve the expenditure of \$6,080 plus shipping from the Coldwater Capital fund to Gaylord, to purchase a circulation desk for Kids Place. Motion carried.**
8. Automation Report: No report
9. Statistical Reports:
 - a. Book Budget: Placed on file.
 - b. Monthly Statistical Report: Placed on file.
 - c. Capital Projects: Placed on file.

New Business

None.

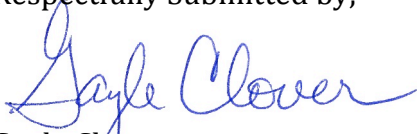
Informational Items

Patron Feedback

Extended Public Comments:

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted by,



Gayle Clover
BDL Board Secretary

Gina Horn
BDL Recording Secretary

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