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September 15, 2008

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

Bronson Branch
207 N. Matteson Rd.
Bronson, MI 49028

August 18, 2008
6:00 P.M.

Minutes

President, Dorothy Cherry called the meeting of the Branch District Library Board to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Bronson branch of the Branch District Library.

Present for Roll Call

Dorothy Cherry, President; Bonnie Frick; Pat Kne; Lynda Chan; Gayle Clover, Secretary.

Absent for Roll Call

Jack Gay (excused), Georgann Reppert (excused).

ALSO PRESENT

Bruce Mills, Director; Jeanne Berg, Bookkeeper / Kids Place Librarian; Gina Horn, BDL Secretary; Lynnell Eash, Bronson Branch Manager; Jeff Hawkins, President of the Friends of the Bronson Library.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

RESOLUTION & PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES:

Public Comments: None.

Motion made by Clover, supported by Chan, to adopt a resolution to approve the maximum allowable operating millage under Headlee and MCL-211.34 of 0.06050 for 2008. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Resolution adopted.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cherry reports for Sebald: There has been a substitution of attorneys with the Union Township and Village attorney. Mr. King who is an attorney is no longer involved and Matt Glaser is the new Village attorney. The attorneys are working on a new lease agreement and copies of the proposed lease agreement have been sent to the other attorneys who are involved. Those attorneys are Nelson Karre for the Friends of the Union Township Library, Ed DeVito for Lucille Dearth, and Ralph Stevens as the Branch

District Library's attorney. The Village is proposing to include a provision in the lease agreement, saying that any use of the basement floor in the library building has to be approved by the Village of Union City for it to be a permitted use. The Township's attorney will be going over the lease too. The Township board is continuing to say that they will work through these problems.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Clover, supported by Chan to approve the minutes of July 21, 2008 as submitted. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

Finances

1. Approval of Bills: July 18 & August 1, 2008. **Motion made by Kne, supported by Frick, to approve the bills as submitted. Motion carried.**
2. Financial Report: July 31, 2008 and 2007 (Placed on file.)
3. Branch County Penal Fine Chart: July 31, 2008 (Placed on file.)
4. Allen Penal Fines: July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 (Placed on file.)
5. Kerr Funds: July, 2008 (Placed on file.)
6. Bronson Fiduciary Reserved Fund: July 2008 (Placed on file.)
7. Certificate of Deposit: July 31, 2008 (Placed on file.)

PENDING BUSINESS

1. Reports from Central & Branch Liaisons:
 - a. Algansee Branch: Mills reports.
 - i. We ended our Summer Reading July 26th with 36 patrons attending. We had games, face painting and lots of buggy treats provided by the Friends of the Library. We also had grand prizes of a movie basket and a gift certificate to Wal-Mart. All grand prizes were donated from the Friends group.
 - ii. The children all received bags filled with Catch a Reading Bug theme, bookmarks, toys, Mc Donald's coupons, 4-H parking passes, tickets at the fair and coloring books. Thanks to the Coldwater Friends for their generous donation.
 - iii. Jan is working on new programs for this fall.
 - iv. The Algansee Friends are beginning their annual walnut collection. Money raised by the friends will go toward programming.
 - b. Bronson Branch: Eash reports.
 - i. Bronson completed their Summer Reading Club last month. There were 150 children registered, 103 completed the program; 22 teens, 9 completed; 18 adults registered and 11 completed.

- ii. On August 30, Saturday morning at 10:00, we have author Larry Massie coming to do a program. He is the author of *Walnut Pickles and Watermelon Cake* and is very entertaining.
 - iii. The Bronson Township has made several repairs on the building. The front door had to be replaced and the screen door has been fixed. Ceiling fan was in need of repair. The chain on the bathroom light broke; so they are putting in a sensor plate, so the light will go on and off automatically.
 - iv. The Township came up with the wording on ballot for the November election. If approved by the MTA, the township board will use the Bronson building to ensure the loan for the upgrade of the library and to provide barrier free access to the library.
- c. Coldwater Central Branch: Berg reports.
 - i. In KidsPlace we had 606 children sign up for the Summer Reading Club.
 - ii. Michigan Reads program is for the month of September. We will be doing different activities related to the suggested book.
 - iii. The month of October we will be having a Babysitting workshop.
 - iv. We have hired LuAnn Watson to work in KidsPlace. She is working at Head-Start and will continue to work there as well as with the Branch District Library.
- d. Coldwater Public Library (Holbrook Heritage Room): Mills Reports.
 - i. They are having Nola Baker check into having them come back next year on Memorial Day weekend.
- e. Quincy Branch: Wood reports.
 - i. 146 Children signed up for the Summer Reading program. 80 of those children completed the program and received the goody bags and prizes.
 - ii. The volunteer that Quincy has had doing arts and crafts has said she would continue the program on “No School Fridays” (not holidays).
 - iii. The Quincy Chamber members had a booth at the Branch County 4-H fair to let people know of the 150 year celebration. They had also included information on the library and let people know of our Flag Preservation Project.
 - iv. The Quincy Rotary has pledged \$5,000 toward the Flag Preservation Project at the Library. We are thrilled with the support.
 - v. This Saturday is the Quincy Celebration and the Friends of the Library will have workers in the park for the Fire House Pie Sale. They will also be selling library book bags.
 - vi. The library will be 100 years old in a few years, so the Friends are getting ready for that celebration with sales of book bags and

- cookbooks. Lisa has taken some vintage post cards of Quincy and is making note cards to sell.
- vii. The flag out front was stolen again and had to be replaced.
 - viii. The stairway wall where the flags were kept has been repaired and prepped and is ready for paint.
 - ix. Quincy Library Flag Preservation:
 - 1. Howard Sutcliffe from the Detroit Institute of Arts will be coming back to Quincy Monday, September 8th to collect the silk GAR flag for future conservation work. He will be re-rolling the federal flag for longer storage. Our current balance in the Flag Preservation Fund is \$7,368. Lisa and members of the advisory board have been and will be speaking to area groups to raise awareness for our flag preservation cause.
- f. Sherwood Branch: Horn reports.
- i. The Summer Reading Club had a total of 30 children and teens sign up with 14 completing the program. We had a pizza party and played Wii games. The kids had so much fun they requested that we do it again. I am working on trying to set that up. The smaller children were given prizes, fair passes and certificates from McDonalds for a free Happy Meal.
 - ii. No programs are planned for the month of August due to the 4-H fair and families taking vacations.
 - iii. Saturday, August 23rd, we will be having a book sale at the Sherwood Park for the Sherwood Forest Days.
 - iv. The month of September will start out with Michigan Reads, so we will be having Story Hour & crafts every Thursday from 4:40 – 5:30; Scrapbooking on the first Saturday of the month; Friday afternoon Movie once a month at 4:30 (so we won't interfere with Friday night football games). On September 9th, Master Gardner and CPL President, Carole Bolton will be doing a program at Sherwood called *I grew it, now what do I do with it?* I have invited the Sherwood, Athens, Union City and Bronson Garden Clubs to attend along with the general public. I am hoping for a good turnout!

g. Union Township Branch: No report

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: (Placed on file.)
8. Automation report: (no report.)
9. Statistical Report: 2008 (Placed on file.)
10. Book Budget: 2008 (Placed on file.)
11. Capital Projects: 2008 (Placed on file.)

NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Patron Comments: Discussed.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNEMENT

Motion made by Chan, supported by Kne, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Gayle Clover
BDLS Board Secretary

Gina Horn, Recording Secretary

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