BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY

BOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 15, 1993
REFERENCE AREA
4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Richard Sharland, Jeanne Berg, Vivian Slisher, Martha Hamp, Tim Miller, Carol Brown, Dee Knapp.

ABSENT: Bill Stewart.

AGENDA: Tim moved, Vivian seconded, to approve the Agenda moving the Extended Public Comments before New Business and moving New Business #2 to become #1. Approved.

MINUTES: Carol moved, Jeanne seconded, to accept the Minutes of January 18, 1993. Approved.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

B. Operations Chart noted.
C. Tim moved, Vivian seconded, to approve payment of Vouchers 3454-3499. Approved.
D. Penal fines chart noted in new format.

PENDING BUSINESS:

A. Reports from branch liaisons.


2. Bronson's first meeting of 1993 was January 21 with new Director Dee Knapp attending and new board member Dean Chandler welcomed. Officers were elected: Jeanne Untherkircher, President; Barbara Megargle, Vice-President; Pat Chisholm, Secretary.

3. Quincy - status quo.

4. Union - status quo.
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B. Committee Reports. Omit from Agenda unless advised.

1. Finance – none.

C. Director's report.

1. Presented Coldwater Board of Utilities letter of information.
2. Audit bids.
   a. Plante Moran has not sent a bid.
   b. Dart & Rumsey gave a $4,000 bid with a start of March 1, 1993, noting that expanded scope of bookkeeping may cost more. Jeanne moved, Tim seconded, to accept the $4,000 Dart & Rumsey bid with the realization that any bookkeeping expansion may boost the cost. Approved.
3. Until we have new contract negotiated and board makes new policy decisions, the personnel vacations will remain status quo.
4. Christie Kessler has returned to staff as Technical Services/Children's Librarian. The board supports Director's recommendation to start her at the 6 month level.
5. Regarding automation, Dynix was here February 5 and well under Gaylord/Galaxy bid, but adding all additional costs together, it is unclear which is the better deal at this time.
6. There will be an extended meeting March 15 to review the townships' contracts.
7. Questions on large rust stain on west side of building, locks & keys, and ADA
8. Tim moved, Carol seconded, to accept the revised Resolution and meeting dates - attached. Roll call vote. Approved - Six yeses out of six present.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS:
Questioned if township contract meeting of March 15 was opened to public. Answer: yes.

NEW BUSINESS:
A. Board W-4's filled out and filed.

B. Tim moved, Carol seconded, to go into executive session for purpose of labor negotiation matters. Roll call vote taken: Six yeses of six. 6:00 p.m.

1. Budget distribution information and Memo on BDLS representation in labor negotiation discussed.

2. Tim moved, Jeanne seconded, to have board direct Dee to retain Rick Fries from Howard and Howard of Kalamazoo for purpose of labor negotiation. Approved.

3. Tim moved, Vivian seconded, to move out of executive session. Approved. 6:18 p.m.

C. Comments were made on new "openness" in the library.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjournment: 6:20 p.m.

Submitted by:
Carol Brown
Secretary
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