

**10 E. Chicago Street - Coldwater, MI 49036
Branch District Board Meeting**

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

**September 15, 2008
6:00 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Present for Roll Call

Dorothy Cherry, President; Gayle Clover, Secretary; Pat Kne; Bonnie Frick; Jack Gay, Vice President; Georgann Reppert; Pat Kne (arrived at 6:05 pm.)

Absent for Roll Call

Lynda Chan (excused).

Also Present

Bruce Mills, Director; Gina Horn, Secretary; Jan Clark, Alganssee Branch Manager; Erica Ewers, Alganssee Twp. Supervisor; Cindy Sebald, Bob Kne.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Frick, supported by Gay, to approve the agenda of September 15, 2008 as submitted. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comments: Sebald reports:

All board members should have gotten an invitation to the ground breaking ceremony for the new Union Twp. Library on Saturday, September 20th at 4:00 pm.

The wording of the current lease has been approved by both the Township and the Village. Both groups are publicly stating that the library's lower level is for Township, Village or Library use only.

Matt Glaser is working on the Development Contract for the Township. He had requested a Waiver of Interest from the Village, which was approved at the meeting last Monday. There will probably be a performance bond which will have to be paid out of the library fund. As part of the approval from the Planning Commission in July, it was decided that additional parking would be needed. We are going to request 5 angle parking spaces on High Street with a zoning variance of 2. When the lower level of the library is occupied, there will be additional parking at the lower level. The Township will be taking care of snow removal and the Village will take care of mowing the park area.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Gay, supported by Kne, to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2008 BDL Board meeting as corrected. Motion carried

Correspondence: None

Finances

1. Approval of Bills: August 15th & 29th, September 12, 2008 **Motion made by Frick, supported by Reppert, to approve all 3 set of bills as submitted. Motion carried.**
2. Financial Report: August 31, 2008 and 2007 (Placed on file.)
3. Branch County Penal Fine Chart: August 31, 2008 (Placed on file.)
4. Kerr Funds: August 31, 2008 (Discussed and Placed on file.)
5. Bronson Fiduciary Reserved Fund: August 2008 (Placed on file.)

Pending Business:

1. Reports from Central & Branch Liaisons:

1. Algansee: Clark reports.

1. This month the story times are all about raccoons as we join Michigan Reads in the One State, One Children's Book Program. We have received 2 books from the State of Michigan and book marks. We have had a lot of fun with this already and we will also be doing some leaf projects.
2. On the front porch there is a magazine and book rack, which was donated to us by Jo & Fred Avra.
3. There is a Friend's meeting tomorrow night and I will be planning our Halloween Party.
4. Jan is looking at the roadside for walnuts.

2. Bronson: Mills reports.

1. Larry Massey presented a very interesting and entertaining program on the last Saturday in August. We recommend him for more programs at the Branch District Library System.
2. The Branch County Genealogical Society visited the library recently for a tour.
3. The Pre-school story time has started with a whole new group of children. Most of the children from the program last year are in school now.
4. The USA Girls Club met last Friday.
5. The Bronson Bookies meet later this month to discuss the book *Two Old Women*.
6. Later this month we have a Teen Club and Movie Night showing *Speed Racer*.
7. Clover reports: We (Richard Losinski, Bronson Twp. Treasurer; Dave O'Rourke, Bronson City Manager; Lynnell Eash, Bronson Branch Library Manager, Gayle Clover, Bronson Friends Rep) had a meeting with the National Bank Loan Director 2 weeks ago. The Friends will take out the loan. The Township will encumber the building. Ralph Stevens is the attorney for both the Township and the District and will be taking care of the legalities. The Township agreed to pay for the legal cost of paperwork. This will be on the ballot for the Bronson Township in November. We will be selling Terri Lynn Nuts after October 13th as a fund-raiser for the Barrier-Free Access Project.

3. Coldwater Central: Mills reports

1. The Summer Reading Report will be in the next board packet.

4. Coldwater Public: Report on file.

5. Quincy: Krantz reports.

1. Attendance was at 1,636 for the month.
2. Internet usage was at 586 for the month.
3. The computer desks are now being varnished.
4. Flag Preservation fund is up to \$8,506.00 (with a donation of \$5,000 from the Rotary.). The sword and musket cases are going to be built by Dr. Baldwin.
5. The library will have to be closed for a few hours from 10 – 2 September 23rd. Consumer's Power is interrupting electricity.
6. There were problems with the slate roof and the Township will take care of it.

6. Sherwood: Horn reports.

1. Last Tuesday we had a program put on by Master Gardener Carole Bolton, who is also our CPL President. The program was called *I grew it, now what do I do with it?* We had 17 people attend, most of which were members of the Union City, Athens and Sherwood Garden Clubs. Her talk included recipes for herbal jams & jellies, herbal mustards, butter, vinegar and oils. She also did a demonstration on preservation of flowers and different arrangements. After the program, the Union City Garden Club invited the other clubs to attend the talk on Humming Bird Gardens next spring at River Lake Inn, just outside of Sherwood.
2. We are having Story Time on Thursdays.
3. We are having Game Day every Tuesday. I have two teenagers who volunteered over the summer who will be helping with this. We will set out board games to have the kids play while they are waiting for a computer or just to help them socialize constructively after school.
4. The end of August, I had a sales person visit Sherwood and I purchased several easy reader books along with graphic novels and young adult books.
5. We are still planning Movie Nights once a month.
6. We are starting our Walnut Drive for Sherwood.
7. Last Saturday we had a leak, which we found was due from walnuts plugging the eaves.

7. Union Twp.: No report.

2. Building Committee: Met Oct. 7, 2008.

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: September 2008 (Placed on file.)

8. Automation Report: September 2008 (Placed on file.)

9. Statistical Report:

10. Book Budget: August 2008 (Placed on file.)

11. Monthly Statistical Report: August 2008 (Placed on file.)

12. Capital Projects: August 2008 (Placed on file.)

New Business

1. **Resolution Regarding the 2009 Meetings of the Branch District Library Board:**
Motion made by Kne, supported by Gay, to approve the meeting dates as specified in the proposed resolution. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1
2. **Branch District Library Closing Dates for 2009:**
Motion made by Reppert, supported by Frick, to approve the Library Closing dates for 2009. Motion carried.

Informational Items

Patron Comments: Discussed and placed on file.

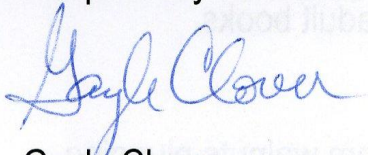
Extended Public Comments: Sebald: Grand Rapids must be overjoyed to have a district library that can take this project (Evergreen transition) on. It is easier to work out the glitches in a smaller library and have the support that John Rucker can give. It really couldn't be a better situation. We realize that the transition to the Evergreen program has put a lot of pressure on all of the staff with all of the changes and things that inevitably go wrong with a change of this magnitude.

Mills: The Michigan Library Consortium has told us many times how much they appreciate all of the help we have been able to offer with the Evergreen project. We are really excited that some universities are coming on line.

Adjournment:

Motion by Kne, supported by Gay, to adjourn. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted



Gayle Clover
BDL Board Secretary

Gina Horn, Recording Secretary

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