

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

January 12, 2009
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Bruce Mills calls the meeting of the Branch District Library Board to order at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT FOR ROLL CALL

Dorothy Cherry, Gayle Clover, Bonnie Frick, Georgann Reppert, Pat Kne, Jack Gay.

ABSENT FOR ROLL CALL

Lynda Chan (excused)

ALSO PRESENT

Bruce Mills, Director; Jeanne Berg, Tech Services / Circulation Manager;
Lynnell Eash, Bronson Branch Manager; Gina Horn, Secretary; Cindy Sebald.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mills opens the floor for nominations for President of the Branch District Library Board.

Reppert nominates Cherry for President, supported by Clover. Nomination passed.

President Dorothy Cherry takes over the meeting and opens the floor for nominations of Vice President.

Clover nominates Gay for Vice President, supported by Reppert. Nomination passed.

Cherry opens nominations for Secretary. **Gay nominates Clover for secretary, supported by Kne. Nomination passed.**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Reppert had discussed with Chan a change in committee assignments. Reppert would like to be on the Technology committee (instead of Children's Services) and Chan would like to be on the Children's Services Committee (instead of the Technology Committee). All other committee assignments are to remain the same.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sebald: As a reminder, last month's motion was to pursue the possibility of moving the Union Township library building site to the cemetery property. We got a lot of feedback and most of it was negative. This month's motion is to relocate the building site to the lower part of Heritage Park, to remove the basement and eliminate parking on High street, which passed. It is the intention of the building committee to keep the new library at the Heritage Park site, unless we absolutely can not do so. This will require the environmental paperwork to insulate the group from liability.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Frick, supported by Reppert, to approve the minutes of December 15, 2008 as corrected. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

FINANCES

1. Approval of Bills: 12/19/08 & 1/02/09. **Motion made by Kne, supported by Gay, to approve the bills as submitted. Motion carried.**
2. Financial Report: No report.
3. Branch County Penal Fine Chart: No report.
4. Kerr Funds: December 2008. (Placed on file)
5. Bronson Fiduciary Reserve Fund: No statement

PENDING BUSINESS

1. Reports from Central & Branch Liaisons:
 1. **Algansee Branch:** Mills reports.
 1. They have been having story hour every Tuesday at 4:00 pm. Last week the children picked out their favorite book to read to each other and to their parents. After reading the stories, they colored, visited and had a good time.
 2. Valentine crafts will begin next week.
 3. Algansee collected 202 cans of dog food, treats and toys for both cats and dogs. Twelve patrons participated in the amnesty program.
 2. **Bronson Branch:** Eash reports.
 1. We have our *Beat the Winter Bla's* contest going on right now, which is for adults. If they read five books within six weeks and turn in the titles written on the back of a book mark, they will receive a mug with a packet of hot chocolate mix, a bookmark and two kisses (chocolate candy) from the librarian. Their name will be put in for a drawing of a grand prize of a basket of goodies (cocoa, tea, coffee, popcorn and a blanket).
 2. Next week we start *Create a Valentine*. This is open to everyone and each valentine will be judged in age groups.
 3. Preschool story time has started again.
 4. We have movie night this month.
 5. The Bronson Bookies have been moved to the last Tuesday of the month. We are reading *Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society*.
 6. We are trying something new – One Saturday a month we will be having a *Creative Hour*. It is like a story hour, but instead of stories we will be creating things.
 3. **Coldwater Central Branch:** Berg reports.
 1. In KidsPlace we did not do very many story hours in December because Ruth went to Austria for a couple of weeks. She is back, so we have started the story hour up again on Monday and Tuesday. We also have started up the Home School program on Wednesdays.
 2. Our guest reader, Chris Rodesiler, will be coming back in February and March, so we are planning programs around him. He is the one that did the Polar Express program in December, which turned out very well.
 3. **Motion made by Frick, supported by Kne, to purchase the Lanier LD 433 Digital Imaging System (copier for the reference floor) at the cost of \$3,554.00 with a service contract for parts, labor and toner at the price of .015 cents per copy, to be**

paid out of the Coldwater Central Capital Funds. Motion carried.

4. Coldwater Public Library: Mills reports.

1. The date for the Buseum has been changed to Saturday, May 16th. They are looking into using the parking lot at City Hall.
2. They are thrilled with the recent purchase of the Scan Pro. They were able to view a short “how to” video that John made to see how easy it is to use and the many new features it has.
3. Jerry Ford will be speaking about the Oak Grove Cemetery tomorrow (Tuesday, January 13th) at 5:30 p.m..

5. Quincy Branch: Kranz reports.

1. There were a few patrons that took advantage of the Amnesty Month. There were also a few patrons that donated to Toys for Tots.
2. Central Elevator Company will install space guards inside the two elevator doors due to a new compliance to eliminate injury.
3. The Quincy Library News Letter just came out. Bonnie Frick wrote a wonderful article about our Federal flag. The news letter also mentioned that Quincy will be having their Winter Bla's Contest in February.
4. We should be receiving one of our flags back, and we are trying to raise money for our Federal flag.

6. Sherwood Branch: Horn reports.

1. We are starting a Weight Loss Support Group and will have our first meeting on January 20th. I have a guest speaker, Josh Nixon from *A Better Way of Life, Nutrition and Fitness* coming to talk to us about getting healthy and making lifestyle changes that will aid in weight loss and fitness. I also have scheduled a dietitian from the Community Health Center of Branch county coming the 3rd of February and a Personal Trainer from Sauk River at the end of the month. We will be weighing in on Saturdays. The goal is to not only lose weight, but to be healthy.

7. Union Branch: Sebald reports.

1. At the Friends meeting they talked about a couple of craft events they have on the first Saturday of the month.
2. Marv Carmen volunteered to do something with the kids with race cars. On the first Saturday they will be working to make the race cars. The second event will be racing them at his race shop.

2. Building Committee: Clover reports – The Building Committee is still checking on the insulation for the building.
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: January 2009 (Placed on file.)
8. Automation Report: No report.
9. Statistical Reports:
 1. Book Budget: (placed on file)
 2. Monthly Statistical Report: October & November

3. Capital Projects: No report.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Patron Feedback: None.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gay, supported by Reppert, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,



Gayle Clover
BDL Secretary

Gina Horn
Recording Secretary

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