

West Branch District Library
Board of Trustee Meeting
January 7, 2013

Lou Winter called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM

Members present: Lou W., Emily B., Kathy S., Karen M., Connie K., Roberta B., Terry B., Andrew S., Sheldon J., Bill J., Sue S.

Absent: Lesli

Minutes of last meeting: On file. Connie motioned accept the minutes as read and Kathy seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurers report: On file. Once again, Sue reviewed with the board the financials and all looks in order.

Librarians Report: On file. Emily discussed a few items. The just held Blood Drive went well for a first time event site. We will await the official count and report. But no interruption of library services happened and their employees did everything. We would not be opposed to having this again. Will discuss at future meetings. As discussed at the previous meeting we have started accepting credit cards using “The Square” on the library’s iPad mini.

Old Business: The internet service was moved to Charter and as Andrew reported it was a bit “rocky” at first as the glitches were worked out. Some tweaking was done and the Charter installer reorganized the connections –actually improving quite nicely the “mess” of wires left by the previous installers. It is now running smoothly and the timing out of programs is not happening. Seems more stable.

The Logo contest will be starting. Some copyright issues were discussed and Bill suggested we make sure that we put on the entry form- for everyone- the wording regarding the use and copyright issue of drawings that are submitted. This will be done. The deadline is Feb 8 and is open to all interested parties. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.

New Business: Discussion was held regarding the legislation update received from the Michigan Library Association. Since this will affect property tax funding which directly affects our revenue, Emily will keep a close eye on this and other information and advises the board and interested patrons to do so also. We are all encouraged to continue lobbying our district representatives to take an active interest in library funding. Some discussion was held regarding the building itself and a few minor issues- cracking in the dry wall and some unusual noises. This was checked by a contractor, we will continue to keep a watch on these issues. The cold/warm spells may be making the duct work expand and contract. We will watch this.

Friends of the Library: Update: Ideas from the staff were given to the group for review at their next meeting. They will also be having a “Beat the Blues” potluck next Thursday if anyone is interested or able to join them. They will be discussing and planning some fund raisers, some ideas that Diana Oberdick brought back with her from the seminar she attended. They have already donated some money to the Health Access program and the County wide Food Pantry

Next meeting February 4, 2013 at 6:30 PM

Motion made by Connie and seconded by Roberta to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Kathy Shirey, secretary