

West Branch District Library
Board of Trustees, *Regular Meeting*
Tuesday, April 3, 2012

Lou Winter called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

In Attendance: Emily Clark, Lou Winter, Sue Smith, Sheldon Justice, Terry Barnhart
Members of the Ogemaw County Literacy Council and John Clark of Churchill Township

Minutes of last meeting

Sue Smith moved to accept the minutes as presented. Second, Terry Barnhart. Carried.

Public Comments

None

Treasurer's Report

With 75% of the fiscal year elapsed the budget is still looking very healthy. Report on file.

Librarian's Report

Basement bathroom remodel taking place during the holiday closure. Emily began holding regular staff meetings. Emily would like to schedule an appreciation luncheon for the friends at their next meeting. The recent Mid Michigan Writers event was a success with about 70 attendees. Of particular note, the Library of Michigan can no longer require the number of hours we are open, the library is not subject to the new 80/20 health insurance requirements and boards will no longer be able to have voting by phone for meetings. Park and Read will begin in May. Report on File.

Old Business

Churchill Township open discussion

John Clark was on hand to explain the township's position as it relates to library funding. The township officials feel the people have spoken, and the board must follow their wishes. After some discussion he suggested circulating a petition to go into referendum regarding supporting the library in the future.

New Business

Literacy Council Update

A presentation was made by Denis Fitzgerald and tutors from the council on its recent successes. The council has gone from complete closure and reorganization in January of 2011 to over twenty tutors helping 26 students along with 4 readers at Bortz Nursing Home.

Literacy Council Clerical Position

In the middle of last fiscal year the library approved funding a clerical position for 3 hours per week and it is still greatly needed. The hourly rate is \$10.00.

Sue Smith moved to fund the position for the Literacy Council for 1 year. Second, Lou Winter. Carried.

Technology Update

Discussed the new website, OverDrive Advantage Program (\$1,000) and LibraryThing mobile catalog (\$188).

Sue Smith moved to purchase LibraryThing and OverDrive Advantage. Second, Terry Barnhart. Carried.

Summer Reading Program Event

Previewed a video on the mobile planetarium. Multiple shows to choose from and it will run 6 hours. Potential location is Surline Middle School. The cost is \$1,675 for the day.

Lou Winter moved to approve the mobile planetarium. Second, Terry Barnhart. Carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:24pm.