

FLOYD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Minutes (unapproved) of meeting February 10, 2014.

Members present: Seth Kaufman, Rosemary Gabriel, Diane Mulvaney, Buffy Hartmann, Melina Angelson, Rebecca Miller and Director Lisa Richland.

The Board meeting was called to order at 6.03pm.

The minutes of January 6, 2014 were approved on motion of 1) Angelson, 2), Miller unanimous.

The bills were ordered paid on motion of 1) Miller, 2), Gabriel unanimous. The treasurer's reports were accepted and filed for audit.

Treasurer's Report:

There have been no exceptional expenses. The Library is on budget, typical for the beginning of the year. Significant income is still arriving from the holiday fundraiser, which has been a big help.

Director's Report:

As everyone knows January was snowy and cold. The Library's walkways have been kept clear and accessible thanks to the efforts of Mr. Lopez and his crew. The January 21<sup>st</sup> storm forced an early closing at 3pm, but we were open again the following day at noon.

A new circulation desk clerk has been hired to work Pat Ruiz's hours. She is eager to work and is learning our systems and processes quickly.

Eight new computers have been purchased to replace the oldest of our machines. These will become the two public desktops in the Reading Room and the five in the YA space. One will replace the Childrens' Librarian's old machine. We are also investigating upgrading the software and hardware on the public laptops.

After recurring problems with the staff toilet the plumber investigated and found that the drains were both corroded and riddled with breaks. The drains date to the original construction of the old building nearly a century ago, and anything that had been added since was done incorrectly or inadequately. The plumber removed the deficient work and re-plumbed the sinks and toilet. It took a couple of days in a dirty and cramped crawlspace, but the job is done properly for the first time since the original construction.

To enliven cold and dreary February a slate of interesting programs and ideas is planned. We are trying out *a Blind date with a book*: staff members have written a series of personal ads, wrapped the books in brown paper, and put the ads on the front of each book. We have also begun *Book club in a bag*: with multiple copies of a

title and some discussion questions and guidelines for people to borrow and run their own small discussion group.

The Friends of the Library are re-structuring their group with a proposed slate of new officers. Paul Wood has chosen to step down and Mary Pacinda-Turner and Valerie Haller are stepping in to revitalize the group. I have high hopes for their stewardship.

Old Business:

The holiday fundraiser has been a great success. Donations are still arriving, and the total for this year is already nearly 20% greater than last year.

New Business:

Board president Gabriel has been in touch with a prospective candidate to fill the vacant Trustee position. He will be invited to the next board meeting in March.

Committees:

*Grounds & Garden* – The board has been assured that the garden still exists under the two feet of snow outside.

*Friends* – Paul Woods has resigned as the Friends' president. He has been replaced by Mary Pacinda-Turner.

Meeting was adjourned at 6.53pm on motion of Gabriel. The next meeting will be on March 3<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Kaufman, secretary