

**FONTANA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2014**

President Genie Murphy called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Kay Frazier; Joseph McHugh; Genie Murphy; Mary Ann Pearce;
Dolly Schneidwind and Tom Whowell

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ann Catlow and Village Trustee Cindy Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT: Library Director Nancy Krei and Village President Arvid Petersen (arrived at 11:30 a.m.)

The Board expressed their thanks and appreciation to Tom and Geri Whowell for the fabulous lunch on January 3. Motion by Pearce/Schneidwind to approve the minutes of November 20, 2013 carried without negative vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The December, 2013 Village and Gift Account Bills that were approved by a subcommittee and paid in December, were reviewed. **Motion by Whowell/McHugh to accept the December, 2013 Village and Gift Account Bills, approve the January, 2014 Village and Gift Account Bills, with advance approval of the Frontier Phone Bill, and to accept the November and December, 2014 Petty Cash Reports carried unanimously.** A CD that matured in December was allowed to renew at the prevailing interest rate. Nancy reported that donations were received from the Alben F. and Clara G. Bates Foundation and the Walworth State Bank, as well as another donation from a sustaining donor. Nancy mentioned the article in the *Lake Geneva Regional News* regarding the donations that this foundation has made to the Library, Police, Parks, and Fire and Rescue. The donor wished to remain unnamed for the article. In addition, a donation for a Bronze Leaf for the Giving Tree was received from Jan and Skip Sands in Memory of Arliene Breitenstein.

VILLAGE REPORT: A lengthy discussion of village issues was held. Al Kaminski's report on staffing was presented at the Village Board meeting on January 7. The Village Board will be meeting at a future date to discuss the recommendations. A primary will not be necessary for the spring Village Trustee election. Cindy will not be seeking reelection, but there are five candidates for three seats. Trustees Patrick Kenny and Rick Pappas are running for reelection, along with Tom Whowell, David Prudden, and Todd Reschke.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE: The issue with the Online Catalog that prompted this agenda item has been resolved. A discussion was held about what type of service we are receiving from The BTO. The library will also need to replace some public Internet computers in 2014.

LAKESHORES REPORT: Nancy reported on the December 3 LAC meeting. Due to the weather conditions, there was no meeting in January. The Mid-Wisconsin System Board voted to discontinue the merger discussions, so the two systems will continue to operate SHARE together, but will remain as two separate library systems. Lakeshores will now continue their search for a new System Director. Nancy reported on the SHARE meeting held in November. She was one of four Library Directors elected to serve on the SHARE Governance Agreement Committee. The first meeting is scheduled for January 28. Library Systems throughout the state sponsored a Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference, January 15 and 16. The presentations were outstanding—especially the ones that dealt with Maker Spaces. It is a concept worth exploring. The presentations will be archived for future reference.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jeff, from Aquatic Specialty Group, mentioned that our current fish tank could easily be converted to a salt water tank. Do to the issues that might arise with a salt water tank, there is no interest in making such a change. Nancy announced the Winter Talk series that is being held on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. We had a large turn-out on January 20, when Tom Whowell and Frank Breneisen talked about the history of Fontana, and the lakefront. The following talks are scheduled: Wayne Rhode will talk about winter birds in the Fontana area, on January 27; Karen Heyer from The Scrapbook Manor, will be talking about scrapbooking as a hobby on February 3; Rene Cerny from Frontier Flowers, will be talking about raising houseplants at home on February 10; and Nancy Snyder from the Stitchery, will be talking about quilting as a hobby on February 17. Nancy expressed her thanks to Frank for all his efforts to get the program organized, and for arranging for Tom, Wayne, and Karen to speak. Due to a rather unusual set of circumstances, three staff members will be gone at the same time. Ideally, Nancy would like to add two new people who would work on an on-call basis, without a set number of hours per week. There was a discussion about whether that would be a realistic scenario. Nancy will contact the person who previously expressed an interest in a part-time position in November. She will also check with the area libraries to see if they employ part-time people who work at more than one library. The Board gave approval for Nancy to attend the Public Library Association Conference in Indianapolis, March 11-15.

**Motion by Frazier/Schneidwind to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. carried without negative vote.
The scheduled meeting date is March 19, 2014**

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Pearce, Secretary

Approved by:

Fontana Public Library
2/19/14 Board