

**FONTANA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012**

President Genie Murphy called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ann Catlow; Mary Kay Frazier; Genie Murphy; Mary Ann Pearce;  
Dolly Schneidwind; Tom Whowell; and Village Trustee Cindy Wilson (10:40 a.m.)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nancy Krei, Library Director

**EXCUSED ABSENCE:** Joseph McHugh

The Board gave a round of applause and a heartfelt thank you to Tom Whowell. The Board read thank you notes from Norma Gowlett, Carol Lobdell, and Nancy Krei.

**The minutes of the November 16, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously on a Frazier/Pearce motion.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The December 2011 Village and Gift account bills that were approved for payment in December by the Library Board subcommittee were reviewed. **Motion by Catlow/Pearce to pay the January 2012 Village and Gift Account bills, and to accept the November and December Petty Cash Reports was approved unanimously.** Catlow commented that the additional cleaning that the library pays for should really be a Village expense. It is an item that needs to be discussed when we work on the 2013 Budget.

Ann and Nancy renewed a CD on January 6. Other CDs will be coming due in March. Tom volunteered to discuss interest rates with Toby from the Walworth State Bank.

**VILLAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There are six candidates running for three Village Board positions and two candidates running for Municipal Judge. A Candidate's Forum will be held on March 20. The election will be on April 3. Wilson reported on the discussion on business signs held at the January Village Board and Plan Commission meetings.

**LAKESHORES REPORT:** Nancy reported on the December 6 and January 10 LAC meetings that she attended. We will be getting a fourth Story Wagon performer this summer. The Racine County Libraries have received a special grant from the Racine County Foundation to fund this performance, so the Walworth County libraries have agreed to pay \$200 each to also receive an additional Story Wagon program. Lakeshores has also increased the amount it pays to the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium for Overdrive's e-materials. This program is called Overdrive Advantage. In theory this should mean that there will be a shorter waiting period for the high-demand materials. Nancy shared some statistics about the Consortium, including that fact that one million dollars of Overdrive materials were purchased in December, and Wisconsin is currently in fourth place in the U.S. in the number of e-materials check-outs. Nancy is on the Lakeshores Steering Committee, and they met after the January 9 LAC meeting. The SHARE meeting will be in Waterford on January 19. Nancy is a member of the SHARE Governance Committee, which will also be meeting on January 19. Jim Novy will be putting together a group computer purchase.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Jodie will be doing some rearranging in the children's section. Library cleaning was discussed. Nancy mentioned the incident where some bathroom cleaner was spilled on the carpet. Due to the age and condition of the carpet, Kelly and Nancy deemed that it wasn't worth the expense to repair it, but K.A.S. did pay for a floor mat to cover the damage. Nancy wanted the Board to be thinking about future fundraising ideas. Nancy will be attending the Public Library Association Conference in Philadelphia, March 12 through 18. She will have an estimate of expenses at the February meeting.

**TECHNOLOGY REPORT:** Due to the configuration of our wireless network and its close connection to the Village's wireless network, Jeff, our IT person, has concerns about removing the password requirement, and leaving the network open and unprotected. Therefore, we will continue to require a password to access the wireless network.

**LIBRARY VISITS:** Dolly and Ann reported on their visits to the Elkhorn and Walworth libraries.

**The next meeting will be February 15, 2012. Motion by Schneidwind/Frazier to adjourn at 12:05 p.m. was carried without negative vote.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Peace, Secretary

Approved By:  
Fontana Public Library Board 2/15/12