

**FONTANA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009**

Library Director Nancy Krei called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Catlow; Mary Kay Frazier; Diane Lewis;
Mary Ann Pearce; Dolly Schneidwind; and Tom Howell

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Krei, Library Director

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Joe McHugh and Genie Murphy

Motion by Pearce/Schneidwind to appoint Tom Howell as Chair Pro Tem was approved unanimously. Tom then presided at the meeting.

The minutes of the October 20, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved on Catlow/Schneidwind motion.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion by Pearce/Frazier to pay the November Village and Gift Account bills and to accept the October Petty Cash report. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion by Catlow/Schneidwind to designate \$150.00 in memory of Joe's mother-in-law, Gail Eakright, was approved unanimously. The board discussed several ideas, including planting a memorial tree. Nancy will contact Joe to see if that idea is acceptable to Gail's family.

VILLAGE REPORT:

Due to the budget freeze, the Village Christmas party was going to be cancelled. Diane Lewis graciously offered to host the party at her home. The party will be held on December 14 at 6:00 p.m. The party will be a Potluck, and Diane encouraged all the Library Board members to attend, and sign-up to bring something. In another cost-cutting measure, that Finance Committee has mandated that cleaning costs be reduced. The Village Hall and the Library will now be cleaned every other week rather than once a week. Due to number of adults and children using the library on a daily basis, it was felt that the library needed to be cleaned at least once a week. Options will be discussed at the January meeting.

LAKESHORES REPORT:

Nancy attended the LAC Director's meeting on November 3 and attended training on Director's Station on November 10.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Nancy attended the Wisconsin Library Association Conference in Appleton October 21-23. One session that she felt was very useful was a program by R. Bruce Allison, an Arborist from UW-Madison, who wrote a book, called *If Tress Could Talk*--a children's book about Wisconsin's historic trees. Dr. Allison might be an idea for a potential program in April. This program might be of interest to the Park Commission and the Conservancy.
- The Public Library Association National Conference is in Portland, OR in March, 2010. Motion by Howell/Frazier to pre-approve expenses for Nancy to attend.
- Gary Stern, the representative from DEMCO Interiors, will visit the library on December 3 to assess furniture and shelving needs. This is the first step in the remodeling process.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Library's annual Holiday Open House will be held on Friday, December 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Diane Lewis will be providing the entertainment from Noon to 2:00 p.m., and may also have one of her students as a guest soloist. We are very fortunate that Diane is willing to share her special vocal talent with us for the Open House, and we are looking forward to the event! The Library Board/Staff Dinner is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 13. Some Board members and staff may have a conflict with that date, so Nancy will contact Genie when she gets back, and discuss other options.

Motion by Schneidwind/Catlow to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Pearce, Secretary

Approved by:
Fontana Public Library Board