

CHEBOYGAN AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA

April 14, 2011 9:00 a.m.

Held in the Cheboygan Area Public Library

Call to order and attendance	Action
Approval of minutes	Action
Financial report, including payment of bills	Action
Director's Report	
MLA meeting	Report
Directors' Summit	Report
Library core book collection	Report
State Aid to Libraries	Report
MPSERS projected expenses	Report
Committee Reports	
Personnel Committee	
Director Review	Action
Policy Committee	
Building & Site Committee	
Budget & Finance Committee	
Other Business	
Citizen's Comments	
Adjournment	Action

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100 S. Bailey Street, Cheboygan, MI 49721

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Meeting Minutes: Thursday March 10, 2011

Board President Dawn Barr called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Board members present: Dawn Barr, Dick Wheelock, Danny Faircloth, Mary Kronberg, Phyllis Beyer. Also present Library Director Mark Bronson. Ruth Gainor and Agnes Blaskowski were absent.

Danny Faircloth moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting. Dick Wheelock supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

Phyllis Beyer read the Treasurer's Report, financial statements, and Prepaid Bills. Mary Kronberg moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and approve the Prepaid Bills. Dick Wheelock supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report

Mark reported on the Feb. Michigan Library Association meeting. Much of the discussion concerned the up-coming Governors budget proposal and how the association will respond.

The proposed budget from the Governor includes a 40% reduction for State Aid to Libraries. Concern is for the viability of library cooperatives which are mostly funded through state aid and for continued funding for MeL Databases and MeLCat. MeL is funded through federal money but the state has to show a "maintenance of effort" to continue receiving the funds at the same level. If state funds are reduced then the federal funds are reduced.

The library has received notification for contribution levels to the MPSERS retirement plan that some staff are enrolled in. Next year the rate increases to over 24% and the following year goes to over 27%. There is concern about the rate of increase and how the costs will be covered.

Mark has some lingering questions about the Overdrive e-book service and will report again at the next meeting.

Mark attended the Inverness Township meeting to listen to the discussion concerning the Fernelius request for property tax abatement. The township has not made a decision yet and Mark will continue to monitor.

Mark reported on the staff in-service day.

Mark relayed a discussion for the in-service about changing the fee for replacing a library card. The current cost to replace a card is \$5.00 and there is consensus among the staff that this charge is too high. After discussion with the board the library will lower the cost.

Mark gave a report on the GED program, 22 people have started the process since the library became a test site.

Mel has made arrangements with the Eagles for the sale of raffle tickets for the quilt donated to the library.

Mark distributed a graph displaying the flow of library revenue and expenses.

Committee Reports:

Personnel Committee:

Did not meet.

Policy Committee:

Did not meet.

Building & Site Committee:

A printer was purchased for Mel's work station. We will try to wait until the next fiscal year to replace the office copier.

Budget & Finance Committee:

The library received a positive rating from Fitch Ratings concerning the library construction debt.

Money was moved from the General Fund to the designated Debt Reduction Fund.

Citizen's Comments: There were no citizens present.

Adjournment: At 10:15 a.m., Phyllis Beyer made a motion to adjourn, Danny Faircloth supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Bronson