

Altoona Public Library
Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2009

The Library Board of Trustees met for their regular monthly meeting at the Altoona Public Library on Tuesday, March 10, 2009. Those present included the following: Diane Burget, Evelyn Cole and Adam Kline. Marc Hesner and Byron Orton were absent. Also in attendance were Library Director, Dan Bakke, Assistant Library Director, Amy Turgasen and Michelle Sloan, council liaison.

President, Diane Burget called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. The agenda was reviewed. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Evelyn Cole and seconded by Adam Kline. Those voting in favor were: Diane Burget, Evelyn Cole and Adam Kline. Motion carried.

The minutes from the February 10, 2009 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Evelyn Cole to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Adam Kline. Those voting in favor were: Diane Burget, Evelyn Cole and Adam Kline. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the bills and to review the budget. Several new language sets on CD were purchased. The Newsbank database subscription was renewed using state funds. The rest of the Enrich Iowa funding was used to purchase more books on CD. A new computer and monitor were purchased from Florida Micro since two library computers stopped working last month. There was no budget report available, but there is about a 2% cushion overall. The part-time budget was cut and the Library Director stated that he is unsure if there will be enough part-time funding to cover the remainder of the year. A motion was made by Adam Kline to approve the bills. The motion was seconded by Evelyn Cole. Those voting in favor were: Diane Burget, Evelyn Cole and Adam Kline. Motion carried.

A time for public comment was the next item on the agenda. There was no public comment.

The next item on the agenda was correspondence. There was no correspondence.

Next on the agenda were reports. The Library Director reported on the status of PCLA funding. A new funding proposal was presented by the county. The PCLA met for a special meeting on February 25, 2009, and voted down the new proposal.

The Library Director also reported that circulation had a 2% gain over this month last year. Walk-ins and Internet usage was about the same. Weather doesn't seem to be a factor. The children's programs are doing well, especially Friday story time. The winter book log just finished up and roughly 150 children turned in logs for prizes. The

children's librarians attended Kid's Fest and worked at the Central Libraries booth to get the library's name out.

The Council Liaison reported that the Bass Pro Shop is still going strong. There are plans for the first phase of the Central Plaza near HyVee to begin. The Leadership Academy graduates spoke at the last council meeting and discussed their plans for collaboration with the Literacy Festival.

The Literacy Festival will be held Saturday, May 16, 2009. A preliminary flyer was distributed. So far plans are shaping up well. The Des Moines Astronomical Society will have a telescope set up all day for people to look through. The Lions will be doing eye screenings again. The movie, *Lost Nation: The Ioway*, will hopefully draw in a good crowd. Ralph Moisa Jr. will perform Indian drumming and will teach the meaning of Indian regalia. The Library Foundation has ordered cloth bags and will sell them at the Festival. There will be an essay contest again this year, with the Friends of the Library providing the grand prizes.

The Bunny Book Bash will be held from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on April 11th. A flyer created by the Kiwanis was passed around. Almost all of the baskets are ready to go and members of the Kiwanis will be reading at the story stations.

The next meeting of the library board will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Altoona Public Library. Items on the agenda for next meeting include an update on PCLA funding. A motion to adjourn was made by Evelyn Cole. The motion was seconded by Adam Kline. Motion carried unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Amy Turgasen, Assistant Library Director.