

The regular monthly meeting of the Clear Lake Public Library Board of Trustees was held at the library on May 12, 2009 at 5:15 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Jana Severtson, President. The following board members were in attendance: Mary Alexander, Ann Bagby, Diane Glynn, Jana Severtson and Dave Suntken. Library director Jean Casey was also in attendance.

It was moved by Alexander, seconded by Bagby, to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Suntken, seconded by Alexander, to approve all expense items for the period April – May 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Librarian's Report

1. There was an increase in circulation for April. There was a 15% increase in the use of the library's Internet computers.
2. Upcoming activities include the All Iowa Reads book discussion of "The Rope Walk" by Carrie Brown on June 30. The summer reading programs begin on June 1: "Be Creative @ Your Library" for preschool and elementary, and "Express Yourself @ Your Library" for middle and high school students.
3. Casey presented a report prepared by youth services librarian Martha Boyes on the "Kids First" library conference that was held in Ames on April 27 – 29. Several staff members attended this event on scholarships provided through the North Central Library Service Area. They gained many good ideas on library programming for infants through teens.
4. Casey reported that Randall Construction will begin tuck pointing work this month.
5. Iowa Workforce Development will be providing the library with a computer and the Rosetta Stone English as a Second Language learning program. There is no cost to the library for this. Casey reported that she is also investigating acquiring the Mango program for learning languages. This company offers on-line instruction in twelve languages.

Old Business

1. The board reviewed sections on basic trustee responsibilities and the Iowa Open Meeting Law from the Iowa Library Trustees Handbook 2009. It was noted that the minutes should reflect how individual board members vote on various motions.
2. There was discussion of the length of term for library board members. The consensus was that member recruitment would be easier if the term was shortened from the current six years to three years. City attorney Charlie Biebesheimer advised Casey that the term could be changed by a vote of the City Council to change this in the city ordinance concerning the library. It was moved by Alexander, seconded by Suntken, to request the City Council to change the term of library board members from six years to three years in the city ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

- Casey reported on new state legislation affecting Iowa libraries. The State Library of Iowa had an 8% cut in the budget for the coming fiscal year. This may affect services to local libraries. A change in the state sex offender law creates “exclusion zones” which are enforced against any offender who has committed a crime against a minor. The bill prohibits such offenders from being present upon the real property of a public library without the written permission of the library administrator and prohibits them from loitering within 300 feet of a public library. It is anticipated that the governor will sign this law which will then go into effect on July 1, 2009. Casey will consult with the State Library and the city attorney to see if the library needs to develop a policy concerning this.

New Business

- There was a review of Iowa Public Library Statistics 2009. The Clear Lake Public Library compared favorably with other libraries of similar size in most categories. The statistics did indicate that the library has a likely need for another public access Internet computer. The library will receive another computer through the Gates Foundation Grant in the coming fiscal year.
- There was discussion of officers for 2009 – 2010. Current president Jana Severtson indicated a willingness to serve a third term. It was moved by Alexander, seconded by Glynn, that the following serve as board officers for 2009-2010: Jana Severtson, President; Michael Mahaffey, Vice-President, and Ann Bagby, Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alexander, seconded by Suntken that the meeting adjourn at 5:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting will be June 9, 2009 at 5:15 p.m.

Ann Bagby, Secretary

Library Bills April – May 2009

Alliant	1,218.60
Baker & Taylor	2,746.32
Martha Boyes	79.20
City of CL	20.79
CL Telephone	173.72
Demco	359.09
Econofoods	13.86
Fareway	56.56
Fiala Office Products	25.00
Carol Hanson	79.20
Iowa Office Supply	572.08

Johnson Sanitary Products	186.70
Marshall & Swift	86.89
NADA	72.00
Petty Cash	264.15
RC Booth	28.00
State Library of Iowa	42.00
Stamp Fulfillment	537.60
TQ Technologies	247.50
Target	281.83
Upstart	38.72
Subtotal	7,202.01
Salaries	14,027.13
TOTAL	21,229.14