

The regular monthly meeting of the Clear Lake Public Library Board of Trustees was held at the library on February 16, 2010 at 5:15 p.m. This was a rescheduling of the February 9, 2010 that was cancelled due to a lack of quorum. The meeting was called to order by Jana Severtson, President. The following board members were in attendance: Jana Severtson, Anne Bagby, Betsy Cherry and Michael Mahaffey. Library Director Jean Casey was also in attendance.

On a motion by Mahaffey, seconded by Cherry, the minutes of the January meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion by Cherry, seconded by Mahaffey, all expense items for the period January/February were unanimously approved.

#### Librarian's Report

1. Casey reported that there had been a change in the fire monitoring system for the library and that Blazek Electric would now be providing that service. Bills for the new monitoring system will be presented at the March meeting. This will cause additional stress on the building repair section of the budget.
2. Casey said that beginning in March "Trustee Trouble" a series of trustee training films would be presented at the monthly library board meetings. This will take approximately ten minutes each month.

#### Old Business

1. Casey reported that the library's participation in the Beacon regional automation project was still on schedule with the Clear Lake Public Library update taking place in May and joining with the union catalog planned for the fall.
2. Casey along with board members Jana Severtson and Dave Suntken attended a budget hearing with the City Council. The council was receptive to the library board's proposed 2010-11 budget which calls for an approximately three percent increase.

#### New Business

1. Casey shared information on using social networking to promote library services. This is now a common practice in public libraries. It was moved by Mahaffey, seconded by Cherry, that the library establish a Facebook account for the purpose of promoting the library. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Casey reported on legislative issues affecting public libraries. The State Library and Library Service Areas (LSAs) face proposed budget cuts. The State Government Reorganization bill had contained an amendment that would have eliminated the LSAs as of July 1, 2010. The LSAs provide vital support to community libraries in much the same manner that Area Educational Agencies provide support services for local schools. LSA support is important for all Iowa

public libraries, but is particularly necessary for small rural libraries. The amendment to eliminate the LSAs was defeated in a House vote.

The Beacon regional automation project for north central Iowa libraries is coordinated by Barb Shultz, current administrator of the North Central LSA. If this position was eliminated, the project would perhaps be coordinated through the State Library. The State Library, LSAs and the Direct State Aid program for local libraries are all likely to face further cuts during the state budgeting process.

There being no further business, it was moved by Cherry, seconded by Mahaffey, to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Next meeting will be March 9, 2010 at 5:15 p.m.

Anne Bagby, Secretary

Library Bills     January/February 2010

Alliant Energy	2,172.29
Baker & Taylor	3,662.21
City of CL	21.64
CL Telephone	174.09
Blackstone Audio	69.99
Demco	355.35
Econofoods	83.52
Fareway	31.39
Fiala Office Products	25.00
Renee Formanek	7.99
Hobby Lobby	32.49
Iowa History Journal	18.95
Larson Mercantile	64.17
Larson Plumbing	249.00
Marshall & Swift	51.86
Midwest Tape	683.74
Northern Cedar Services	84.00
Office Elements	44.82
Otis Elevator	293.64
Petty Cash	266.06
TQ Technologies	49.50
Subtotal	8,441.70
Salaries	21,823.08 (three pay periods)
TOTAL	30,264.78

