

Minutes from the Regular Meeting
Prairie Skies Public Library District
Ashland Location
October 8, 2009

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by President Paiva.

Attendance:

Trustees Present: Dareea Paiva, Wendell Walch, Cynthia Ingles, Victoria DeGroot

Trustees Absent: Lois Greene, Johanna Betters

Staff Present: Kelly Greene, Clerk; Robin Krone, Administrator

Visitors: Ryan Augustine, potential Board Trustee

Regular Agenda Items:

Approve Previous Minutes: Minutes from the regular meeting held September 8, 2009 were reviewed. Motion to approve as amended by Walch, second by Paiva.

Aye: 4 Nay:0 Absent: 2

President Comments: None

Financial Report: Prepared and presented by Kelly Greene. Financial report approved on a motion by Ingles, seconded by Greene, subject to audit results.

Submit Bills: Krone submitted bills totaling \$11,948.79. Motion to pay bills by Walch, second by Ingles.

Aye: Paiva, Walch, DeGroot, Ingles

Nay: None

Absent: Greene, Betters

Statistics: Robin Krone presented the statistics from September 2009 and the patron activity report was reviewed.

Unfinished Business:

- Robin reviewed the purpose of the Community Planning Meeting idea, which would allow community members to give input on the current status of the library and what the community would like the future of the library to be. Tentatively the meeting will be planned for January/February 2010, possibly 3-4 meetings, alternate locations throughout the district. Robin asked for a listing of community members that invitations should be sent to for the meetings and an Ad Hoc committee will be assembled to decide on topics to discuss.
- Building/Maintenance Committee met on September 10 in Ashland to review building issues. Since the meeting, a local contractor came and took care of some of

the committee recommendations, including fixing leaks, repair to railings, etc. An architect also came to review some issues with leaks in the roof and the overhang. The contractor asked to meet with the committee at some point to discuss his recommendations, some of which are quick fixes to roof that could be made in Spring or some other more permanent options. The board also discussed inviting Rose Chenoweth to a future building and maintenance meeting to discuss possible grant options for building construction grants.

- The Materials and Technology Committee met on September 23 and discussed the library technology plan as required by the Illinois State Library.

Administrators Report: Krone submitted her report of activities at the branches, upcoming events, and staff attendance at workshops.

- September 10, a staff meeting was held.
- September 11, Krone and Heady attended the Big Read committee meeting with Illinois State Library.
- Staff attended Reaching Forward South recently and Robin discussed highlights from the Conference.
- Robin shared her Sony E-Book with the group and discussed these new technology items and how patrons can access books through My Media Mall, or Over Drive, that is being offered on a discount basis through Alliance. On a motion by Walch, seconded by Ingles, the Board voted to commit to Alliance to participate in this program in the future once the details and prices are set.
- Robin discussed changes to the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act related to emails and the “reply all” option possibly coming under these Acts. These changes will come into law in January 2010. Discussion held included opening a new email address for library business only and to not use the “reply all” option in board emails. Per Robin, she also learned that one official will need to be “trained” in the Open Meetings Act and two will need to be training in FOIA.

Committee Meetings:

Budget/Finance – October 13, 2009, following regular board meeting.

Administrative/Personnel –

Building/Maintenance – to be set at a later date

Long Range/Bylaws –

Materials/Technology – October 28, 2009, Plains 6:00pm

No meeting in closed session.

Next board meeting, November 10, 2009, 6:30, Plains location.

On a motion by DeGroot, seconded by Ingles, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly S. Greene