

**West Branch District Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Monday August 4, 2014**

Members present: Emily B., Terry B., Connie K., Kathy S., Andrew S., Roberta B., Bill J., Lesli.

Absent: Sue S., Lou W., Karen, Sheldon

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Minutes:** On file. Motion to accept minutes as written made by Kathy and seconded by Connie. All approved. Motion carried

**Public Comment:** None.

**Treasurers Report:** On file. Budget was reviewed and discussed. We are still financially ahead even with the unexpected expenses this past fiscal year. The penal fines have been deposited for this fiscal year. Motion to accept the treasurers report made by Bill, seconded by Connie, all in favor, motion passed

**Old Business:** Brittany gave a summary of the Summer Reading Program. They had a record breaking number of attendants. It appears the "Science Experience" part of the program drew the most attendance and enthusiasm from the participants. They were prepared for about 30 participants and 103 showed up. Last year total hours read was 573 compared to this year it was 930. There were less teens this year. Brittany was commended for running a successful program. The board was introduced to Amanda Barrett who is the newest employee- we welcome her!

**Librarians Report:** Membership in the United for Libraries was discussed again. Sheldon felt that the benefits did not justify the cost. Karen was going to report back to the board on her input from those she knows who are members. We will await her report. The Friends of the Library picnic is planned for August 24 from 1 to 4 PM. At Irons Park. All are invited, bring a dish to pass. Policy committee will review the proposed policy updates and report back to the board. The annual MLA meeting is October 15-17 and Emily will not be available to attend. Andrew expressed interest in going. Board was reassured staffing of library will not be an issue. The early bird registration is Aug 29 and board gave approval for Andrew to attend. The Professional Development White Pine Conference is October 2 and Emily feels she can attend the one day conference which is in Saginaw from 10 am to 3 pm at Horizons. It is the same day as the Quilt Walk. We did not get the Michigan Township Participation Plan grant, thus funding for a requested AED will have to be looked at from other sources.

**New Business:**

Emily gave a health insurance update. Looking into several different options. Also awaiting a meeting with Jeff Godfrey and see what options he may come up with. Emily will report back to board with findings. Andrew reported on the Merit Broadband proposal. Some in depth discussion was held. Costs were reviewed. Motion made by Connie to go with the 3 year contract with Merit Broadband and annual billing. Seconded by Bill. All in favor. Motion passed. Staffing update was held. Amanda, as previously mentioned was introduced to board, Kelly will be leaving and interviews are being held. A decision will be made next week.

Next meeting: Due to Labor Day holiday we will meet August 25 at 6:30 PM. Notice will be posted. Motion by Terry to adjourn and Bill seconded. Mtg adjourned at 7:22 Pm

Submitted by:

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Kathy Shirey, Secretary