

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Regular meeting

May 7, 2012
6:30 p.m.

Lou Winter called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

In Attendance: Lou Winter, Emily Clark, Kathy Shirey, Roberta Beck, Connie Kraska, Sue Smith, Sheldon Justice, Bill Jennings Absent: Lesli Cull-Kloostra, Terry Barnhart

Minutes of last meeting: Sue Smith made motion to accept as read, Roberta seconded. Carried

Public Comments: None

Treasurers Report: Sue Smith reviewed and reports that all continues to look good and on track. Report on file.

Librarian's Report: Emily reported to the board some of the recent activities, specifically "The Michigan Notable Books Author Event" with the author Dan Johnson. The event was well received. Coming up will be the event with local author Becky Vigus on May 17th... The Rural Library conference was attended by the director and employees and board member Terry Barnhart. They all returned with a lot of good information specifically relating to small, rural libraries. Of special interest in the July 17 "Mobile Planetarium" Promotion and advertising will be done by the company to promote this event.

Old business: Friends of the Library attended the Friends of Michigan Libraries conference in Okemos, Michigan, to get info on how they can assist the library. Churchill Township issues continue to pose some issues. Our lawyer was consulted on whether the issue of having a petition posted to determine those that support the library or to put this issue on the Churchill ballot is legal. She advised that this was not recommended. Her advice was discussed by the board and it was ultimately felt that the residents of this township need to address this with their board members and make their needs and wants known. The board will continue to evaluate and investigate our options and outlook.

New business: Further discussion regarding non resident fees. The policy was reviewed and a motion was made by Roberta Beck to proceed with one flat fee of \$25.00 per nonresident library card effective July 1, 2012. Seconded by Lou Winter. Motion carried.

Melcat fee was also discussed in detail. It appears that we may not be in compliance with their policies and as this is a useful library source the board agreed to correct this. Sue Smith made a motion to change our policy to state that we continue to charge \$1.00 per item requested from other libraries except when using Melcat where there will be no charge, as noted in keeping with the Melcat policies. Bill Jennings seconded, motion carried.

Of special note the Poling Estate has been finalized and the library received a generous donation of \$10,000.00. It was only requested the library use it for things it may not have the funds for. The discussion held came up with the need for new windows and possibly a security camera. Emily will look into bids for windows. The Board was reminded that a group picture will be planned for June 4 meeting.

Motion made by Connie Kraska to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lou Winter. Motion carried

Next meeting June 4 2012 6:30 PM