

Wabasha Library Board of Trustees  
Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Kennebeck at 4:31 p.m.

Present: Trustees Carrels, Gosse, Heimstead, and Kennebeck and Library Director  
McCaughtry

Absent: Trustees Borg and Gillespie

Carrels moved approval of the December 14, 2009, meeting minutes. Gosse seconded, and the motion was carried.

Gosse moved approval for payment of bills presented by McCaughtry. Carrels seconded, and the motion was carried.

Old Business:

a. Potential New Trustees – Names of all suggested candidates have been forwarded to Mayor Meisch, and his decision is pending.

New Business:

a. Expression of Appreciation for Retiring Board Members – By consensus, the trustees decided on gifts to be given to Olive Kenitz and Bruce Kreye, who retired from the Board during 2009.

b. Items in Storage in the Mechanics Room – McCaughtry requested that the Board decide on the disposition of a number of items currently stored in the mechanics room. After some discussion, Gosse moved that

- shelving continue to be retained
- carpet remnants and extra ceiling tiles be donated to Restore in Winona
- other items be discarded

Kennebeck seconded, and the motion was carried.

Library Director's Notes:

a. Doffing Foundation has informed McCaughtry that much of the requested funding will be awarded this year.

b. RJAC is asking whether the Library will partner with them in showing independent films, since the cost would be significantly less if the Library were involved. SELCO has a draft disclaimer statement for use in this kind of situation. McCaughtry will seek more details on the process for selecting films, and then will bring the issue to the Board for a decision.

c. The annual inventory will take place during the last week of January, beginning on Tuesday, January 26 at 8 a.m.

Trustees Concerns:

a. Heimstead stated that some people have asked her about the upcoming Carolina Chocolate Drops performance, wondering whether such an activity is appropriate for the Library. McCaughtry noted that cultural performances are typical library functions now.

Further Library Director's Notes:

d. McCaughtry outlined the current status of upcoming activities with likely Legacy funding. First of all, they include an author event on February 28, during Grumpy Old Men Days, and the Carolina Chocolate Drops concert on Wednesday, March 3. After those, several activities are planned during the National Eagle Center's Soar with the Eagles events in March, including Native American dancing and a performance by the Irish Minstrels. There are also opportunities for other events in future months.

Trustees expressed some concern at the time commitment being expended on these events. Gosse moved approval of seeking Legacy grants for the described activities to take place through the end of March, with further consideration by the Board before future opportunities are pursued. Kennebeck seconded, and the motion was carried.

Trustees suggested that McCaughtry might appear before the City Council with information about the Legacy funding and what it might be used for in Wabasha, so that this knowledge will be disseminated to the community.

Gosse moved to adjourn. Carrels seconded, and the motion was carried.

Next Meeting:

Monday, February 8, 2010, 4:30 p.m. at the Library.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lenief Heimstead  
Secretary