

## Minutes of the Board of Directors Wyomissing Public Library

The Board of Directors of the Wyomissing Public Library (WPL) met on Tuesday, May 9, 2006 in the Community Room of the library. President Geoffrey Stoudt called the meeting to order at 4:07P.M.

**Members present:** Elaine Balkiewicz, Greg Ciatto, Maryann Combs, Lisa Gallen, Denise Greenwood, Jacqueline Roddy, Brad Scribner, Steve Silverman, Bill Stobbart, Geoffrey Stoudt, Mary Ellen Wells, Phil Wolfe.  
Library Director: Christopher Ritter;  
Honorary Member: Judy Phelps

**Approval of April's minutes:** Phil Wolfe, seconded by Jacqueline Roddy, made motion for approval of the minutes. After the meeting, it was brought to Chris Ritter's attention that Jacqueline Roddy was in attendance for the April meeting, but was not listed in the official Board minutes for April. That change has now been made.

**President's report:** Two Wyomissing Garden Club representatives, Alana Baudinger & Jenne Kimball, presented President Geoff Stoudt with a certificate that recognized the library's 10<sup>th</sup> annual flower show.

Geoff reminded attendees that the Centennial Kickoff Party would be held on May 13<sup>th</sup>. In addition, he acknowledged the hard work of John Schmoyer, and also the Reeser family's contributions to the display. Geoff recommended that the library keep the display up & open to the public until July 4<sup>th</sup>. Judy Phelps led discussion about the kickoff event.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Stobbart highlighted the previous month's financial information. He pointed out that the library had not received its April appropriation payment from the Borough as of May 9, 2006. Aside from this anomaly, there were no unusual expenditures/incomes in April.

**Corresponding Secretary:** No correspondence.

**Library Director's Report:** Chris reported an April circulation total of 5852. In addition, there were 4521 visitors during the month.

In 2006, there were 15 children's programs in April. Attendance at children's programs increased 54% over 2005. One of Colleen's programs, the "Arbor Day Celebration" allowed the Borough to still hold the title "Tree City USA"

Chris reported that the new book sale area is now open to the public. This sale will be held year-round.

Wireless Internet access will be launched as soon as passwords on staff computers are made more secure & an access line is made available.

The library's 10 annual flower show will take place on June 15 & 16<sup>th</sup>. The theme is "Putting on the Ritz".

### **Committee Reports:**

**Community Affairs:** Lisa Gallen requested Board member volunteers for the May 13<sup>th</sup> open house. Greeters, & servers are needed for a 2-hr commitment.

**Membership:** Mary Ellen Wells reported that as of May 1, there were fewer Association members in 2006, however there was more total money as a result of Association memberships. (\$21,960)

**Building & Grounds:** Phil Wolfe reported that he thanked the Borough for pruning the Beach Tree on the north side of the library. Projects that Phil would like to see completed include fixing the light by the circulation desk, replacing the patio gate, cleaning/painting patio benches & railings, and repainting the main foyer. Phil also pointed out that while our grass is being cut, no trimming or cleanup is taking place. Brad Scribner informed the Board that he would look into the problem.

**Information Technology:** No report.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** Geoff pointed out that the library's long-range plan has not been updated in over three years. Geoff asked committee members to meet over the summer months and bring back long-range plan suggestions in the fall. The Executive Committee will review suggestions in September.

Lastly, Bill Stobbart talked about the Endowment Committee's initial meeting and how they will proceed in the future. Bill echoed the need to update the library's Long-Range Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Ritter, Library Director

**Next Executive Meeting: Monday, June 5, 2006 @ 5:00 PM**  
**Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 2006 @ 4:00 PM**