

Minutes of the Board of Directors Wyomissing Public Library

The Board of Directors of the Wyomissing Public Library (WPL) met on Tuesday, June 13, 2006 in the Community Room of the library. President Geoffrey Stoudt called the meeting to order at 4:07 P.M.

Members present: Elaine Balkiewicz, Jacqueline Roddy, John Schmoyer, Brad Scribner, Geoffrey Stoudt, Mary Ellen Wells, and Philip Wolfe.

Library Director: Christopher Ritter

In the absence of a quorum, the meeting was held on an informational basis.

President's report: Geoff Stoudt, on behalf of the WPL Board, commended Lisa Gallen, Chris Ritter, Judy Phelps, and John Schmoyer for their efforts and contributions toward the May 13th Centennial Kick-Off Celebration held at the library. More than 250 people were reported to be in attendance at that event.

Treasurer's Report: Association Dues account #3100 (membership) is at \$23,810 versus \$23,605 at this time last year. It was noted, however, that last year's shortfall was \$7200 against a budgeted amount of \$45,000. With 2006's target again being \$45,000, a similar shortfall may occur unless a strong second half of the year occurs. Discussion followed regarding Contributions account #3600 of which only \$1800 of the budgeting amount of \$19,500 has been realized. While this account budget was ambitiously set for 2006 (proceeds from fund-raising efforts were to have been classified as contributions), any computers received in 2006 from the Gates Foundation are to be included in this account. Although Chris believes that new PC's will be provided by the Foundation, the money will not be spent if new PC's are not received and account #3600 doesn't significantly increase. Grants, regardless of approved or turned down, were briefly discussed. A grant for 2007 may be pursued for a new server.

Corresponding Secretary: Chris Ritter read a thank-you letter received from Judy Phelps on behalf of the Centennial Committee.

Library Director's Report: Circulation for May was 6241 (an increase of 3.5%). 4360 were reported as having visited the library during the month of May. Colleen held twenty-three children's events throughout May in addition to having visited the Wyomissing School District elementary schools for the purpose of promoting summer reading. A total of 1100 children (300 visiting the WPL and 800 attending the school presentations) and 158 adults were in attendance. The theme for this summer's reading program is "Paws, Claws, Scales, & Tales". 123 children signed up for this program on the first sign-up date (June 12th). Invitations to the Lou and Ann Sutherland Summer Picnic (July 2nd) were distributed to all board members. The Sutherlands are graciously "promoting" their party as a "fundraiser for the WPL". It was agreed that it should be left to the Sutherlands in terms of how to handle any monetary donations. This board is most appreciative of their intent and it is hoped that members will be able to attend the picnic.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Although Association dues (see above Treasurer's Report) are slightly ahead of last year, total YTD membership is 358 versus 420 in 2005. Mary Ellen Wells reported that anyone having contributed in 2004 and/or 2005 will be sent a follow-up letter in September if their 2006 membership has not been received by the end of the summer. Mary Ellen will also bring a list to the September board meeting of those falling into this category in order that board members review the list and offer to make personal contact with them on behalf of the library. It was pointed out to the board that residents are no longer receiving regular WPL mailings which may be contributing to the decrease in membership. The executive committee agreed to discuss the topic of more frequent mailings during their July meeting. Elaine Balkiewicz suggested sending a questionnaire, if not done in the past and in addition to the current suggestion box, along with membership letters requesting suggestions that the board and staff may wish to consider.

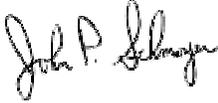
Building & Grounds: Philip Wolfe reported that Muthard Roofing's inspection of the roof above the foyer (north end of building) did not find any problem(s) that may have led to the peeling of the ceiling. Repairs were made to some slates at the time of the inspection. Chris agreed to send a thank-you to Allen Peer on

behalf of the library for their work. Philip touched on upcoming expenses such as 1) the painting of the patio door (~\$1100) and 2) the painting of the aforementioned ceiling (~\$900). In regards to long-range planning, the B&G committee has asked for approval to obtain professional opinions regarding the external and internal physical condition of the library.

Information Technology: Although no reported, Chris confirmed that wireless Internet was made available at the WPL at the end of the week of June 5th.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John P. Schmoyer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John P. Schmoyer

Next Executive Meeting: Monday, July 10, 2006 @ 5:00 PM
Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 12, 2006 @ 4:00 PM