

Minutes of the Board of Directors
Wyomissing Public Library
Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2007

The Board of Directors of the Wyomissing Public Library met on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007 in the Community Room of the library. President Lisa Gallen called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

Members Present: Allison Althouse, Elaine Balkiewicz, Susan Denaro Cullen, Lisa Gallen, Denise Greenwood, Marlisa Mizerak, Jacqueline Roddy, John Schmoyer, Geoffrey Stoudt, Mary Ellen Wells, Phillip D. Wolfe, Diane Yoh, Rebecca Botvin, Karen Schroeder
Library Director: Christopher Ritter

Approval of June Minutes: John Schmoyer seconded by Mary Ellen Wells made a motion to approve the minutes. The Board approved the motion.

President's Report:

Lisa Gallen welcomed the Board members after the summer recess and congratulated Chris Ritter who was accepted into the Fellowship Program for directors of non-profit organizations. Two other issues were discussed:

- 1) The question was asked if the outdoor bench should be replaced. The Board agreed that it was not used very often and should not be replaced.
- 2) Lisa reported that Brad Scribner will no longer represent the borough on the Board and that a new representative will be named.

Treasurer's Report:

John Schmoyer reported that the budgetary accounts are approximately at the 60% point and that most of the accounts are as expected.

Corresponding Secretary:

Mary Ellen Wells read a thank you note from Georgianna Goebel for the retirement gift from the Board.

Library Director's Report:

- Circulation for the summer was 23,739 and the people counter reported that 15,228 people visited the library during this month.
- Colleen conducted 47 children's programs during the summer with a total attendance of 594 children and 370 adults. Colleen has now resumed the traditional programs at the library.
- Chris also reported the following:
 - 1) Jonathan Moore who replaced Georgianna has been working well in cataloguing and will help Chris redesign the library website
 - 2) The newsletter will be ready for mailing by Oct. 1st and will highlight summer reading success, encourage Association support, and include a list of Association members.
 - 3) The library submitted 2 grants – a \$7,000 collection development grant written by Colleen to the Sovereign Foundation for collection development and a \$45,000 LSTA grant for

wireless laptop computers to be used for senior computer instruction. The possibility of a Wyomissing Foundation grant will be investigated this Fall

- 4) A project to create a mural in the picture book room was proposed using Michael Miller (an art teacher at Wyomissing Area Jr./Sr. High School) to coordinate the project. The Board supported the concept and more information will be sought. Michael Miller will be asked to present information and the timing of creating the mural will be decided at a later date.

Committee Reports:

Community Affairs:

Denise Greenwood reported that the “Rubber Duckie” race was very successful and the float in the parade was a wonderful advertisement. The program for adults (Dealing with Peer Pressure) was cancelled due to lack of interest. The committee recommended that future adult programs should be limited to the staff luncheon, the holiday program, and the rubber duckie race.

Membership:

Karen Schroeder shared current membership information and noted the spike that appeared in November last year. Lisa Gallen stated the information in October newsletter and targeted letters by the Board president will hopefully result in an increase in November membership again.

Building and Grounds:

Phillip Wolfe reported that Greg Ciatto’s company took care of both window wells to help solve the drainage problem. John Schmoyer stated that the borough can now proceed with their work related to drainage around the library. Greg Ciatto will also replace the door and threshold in the basement. Earl was commended for the painting and carpet cleaning that he completed this summer. Phillip Wolfe will again contact the borough about pruning the crab apple trees at the library.

Unfinished/Old Business: (none)

New Business:

John Schmoyer distributed a proposed budget for 2008. The budget will continue to be discussed and Chris Ritter will report back as to why there is an entry in the sales tax category.

A motion was made by Allison Althouse and seconded by Mary Ellen Wells and the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Balkiewicz

Next Executive Meeting: Tuesday, October 2 at 5:00 P.M.
Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 9 at 4:00 P.M.