

FREEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
April 9, 2014 – 6 p.m.

A meeting of the Freeport Public Library Board of Trustees was held in the Library's Boardroom on April 9, 2014. Barb Green, acting as president, called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Members Present: Jill Collin Barb Green
 Judy Barney Jim Bielien
 Teresa Hines Larry Pittsley

Members Absent: Scott Haugh, Luke Beggin

Also present was Library Director Carole Dickerson and Library Supervisors Lois Rees, Pat Vorwald, and Anna Doyle.

Connie Hoffman acted as Recording Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jill Collin moved and Jim Bielien seconded to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financials were not approved pending so that Board Member Luke Beggin may review payments. Director Dickerson gave the board the “snapshot” version of the budget for the month of March and acknowledged Administrative Assistant Connie Hoffman’s participation in its creation.

FREEPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY WORK AND TRAINING AGREEMENT

Director Dickerson passed out sheets showing an outline of the contract and explained the findings from Attorney Comb’s review. We need to be sure volunteers not do union work and that the workers are covered by City and/or Township insurance.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Dickerson told the board that the American History Lecture Series ended with Alan Wenzel as the speaker with 138 people attending. This year’s Food for Fines came in at over 1,000 lbs and will be distributed to the Salvation Army and Freeport Area Church Cooperative. Save May 8 for the Freeport Public Library Foundation Special Performance at Winneshiek Theatre. The Money Smart program held here at the library on Saturday, April 5 was very successful.

STAFF REPORTS

Circulation Supervisor Lois Rees is encouraged about the circulations numbers for the month of March. Please read her written report for the specific numbers.

STAFF REPORTS(continued)

Adult Services and Technical Services Pat Vorwald told the board that three years ago 20 eBooks were checked out, and last month the number climbed to over 600. This month the library will add a second digital service called eRead Illinois. She has completed the Eliminate the Digital Divide grant hoping that it goes well. One Book – One Freeport has selected *Rocket Boys* as the 2015 community wide read. She and her committee have already been working on scheduling programming for next year. Much of the programming will be in March and April instead of January and February to avoid inclement weather.

Youth Services Supervisor Anna Doyle told the board of her participation in the Money Smart program that was held for children on April 5 where 12 children and five adults attended. She also told the board of the Secret Book Challenge and the Dr. Seuss birthday event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative Committee: Did not meet
Finance Committee: Did not meet
Building Committee: Did not meet

COMMUNICATIONS / BOARD COMMENTS

Board member Judy Barney reminded the board of the Art Gallery Opening on Thursday, April 24 from 5-6 p.m. where Sheila Welch's art will be on display.

Director Dickerson thanked the three board members who attended an informal meeting where Nicole Bauer presented monies to the library foundation to purchase child-size furniture for Maddy's Nook.

Larry Pittsley moved to adjourn at 7:12 p.m., and Teresa Hines seconded the motion.

Connie Hoffman, Recording Secretary