

FREEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
March 14, 2012 – 6 p.m.

A meeting of the Freeport Public Library Board of Trustees was held in the Library's Boardroom on March 14, 2012. Board President Barb Green presided and called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Members Present: Judy Barney Scott Haugh
 Jim Bienlien Jill Collin
 Barb Green

Members Absent: Nicole Bauer Luke Beggin
 Betty Carroll

Also present were Library Director Carole Dickerson and Library Supervisors Pat Vorwald, Lois Rees, and Margaret Morgan.

Connie Hoffman acted as Recording Secretary.

President Barb Green introduced Lynn Feaver representing Prospering Together. Mr. Feaver gave a history of how Prospering Together was formed and the actions that they are now pursuing. He asked the library to endorse their strategic plan. This would require that a representative from the board attend quarterly meetings.

Joe Ginger presented the library with a letter from the Stephenson County Genealogical Society offering to help assist in the local History Room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Scott Haugh moved and Jim Bienlien seconded to approve the minutes of the March 14 Board of Trustees meeting. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Scott Haugh moved and Judy Barney seconded to accept the February 2012 Financial Report.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Director Carole Dickerson apprised the board that the library has received 75 applications for the Youth Services Supervisor position. After screening, the Human Resources Manager, Debra Milliman narrowed them down to twenty, from which Director Dickerson will interview five. Director Dickerson would like to have a board member present when conducting the interviews. Dickerson also informed the board that during the Food for Fines month in February they broke any previous record by collecting 1,652 pounds of food. Director Dickerson distributed information for the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Testing.

STAFF REPORTS

Technical Services Supervisor Margaret Morgan passed around three copies of new books received at the library. She also told the board that Library Clerk Lori Blask who does cataloging and ordering for the library has been chosen to be a trainer for the new Innovative system which will replace the SirsiDynix software currently used for cataloging and checking out materials.

Adult Services Supervisor Pat Vorwald told the board that she, along with the other supervisors, attended a February Library Administrators Conference of Northern Illinois (LACONI) Meeting at the Harold Washington Library in downtown Chicago where she was given a tour of the Chicago library. She also attended a meeting for Online Media of Northern Illinois (Omni Libraries). Omni Libraries is a consortium of libraries providing downloadable books and e-audiobooks in our area. Starting next January she will help manage the program and the following year will be the lead person.

Circulation Supervisor Lois Rees told the board that the self-check is going well and hopes to have 30% of the circulation business done through the new self-check. She will be taking part in the Stroll-A-Thon later this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

No report.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS / BOARD COMMENTS

Board President Green read a letter from Jesse White notifying her of the library's per capita grant. Green also read a card from Connie Sorn written to Director Dickerson thanking her for ordering the Poldark Series.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Scott Haugh told the board of a Memorial Day event in Freeport called "Welcome Home All Veterans" a celebration for all veterans that never had a welcome home or parade. There will also be a Spaghetti Salute on Wednesday, March 21 to support the local homeless vets.

Director Dickerson reminded the board of the Lincoln Head dedication ceremony to be held on March 28 at 4:30 p.m. in the library lobby.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board President Barb Green informed the board that her granddaughter won a poetry contest.

Scott Haugh moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m., and Jill Collin seconded it.