

FREEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
October 9, 2013 – 6 p.m.

A meeting of the Freeport Public Library Board of Trustees was held in the Library's Boardroom on October 9, 2013. Board President Scott Haugh presided and called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Members Present: Teresa Hines Jill Collin
 Barb Green Jim Bielien
 Scott Haugh

Members Absent: Judy Barney 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 Barb Green seconded to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Teresa Hines moved and Jim Bielien seconded to accept the accompanying Financial Reports. Motion carried.

CALENDAR MEETINGS FOR 2014 – DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Jill Collin moved and Barb Green seconded to continue to hold library board meetings on the second Wednesday of every month for the calendar year, 2014.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jim Bielien moved and Teresa Hines seconded to close the library on Saturday, July 5 following the Friday, July 4 holiday library closing. The motion carried.

Teresa Hines moved and Jill Collin seconded to close the library for a half day in early 2014 to be determined by Director Dickerson for customer service training. The motion carried.

Director Dickerson gave a brief history of the RAILS services and of the recent focus group held here at our facility. Director Dickerson handed out schedules for the Local History and Writers Series to be held during the month of October.

STAFF REPORTS

Circulation Supervisor Lois Rees told the board full-time Library Clerk Carla Green accepted a position with the Police Department. She had been with the library since 1998.

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August was a really busy month, and she attributes it to the very successful summer reading program led by Administrative Assistant Connie Hoffman. The Circulation Department is intending to hire a part-time page who has been a four-year volunteer from the Life Skills class at Freeport High School.

Adult Services Supervisor Pat Vorwald reported that she spent some of September preparing for the Affordable Care Act. The library added a page on the website with direct links to the site. Also, each public computer in the library will have an icon on the screen for direct access. The Stephenson County Health department has added in-person counselors who will be available to help individuals with their applications.

Youth Services Supervisor Anna Doyle told the board of her celebration of Banned Books Week where she gave prizes to children who could name a banned book. The aging computers in the Youth Services Lab have been replaced with laptops.

COMMUNICATIONS / BOARD COMMENTS

Board President Scott Haugh read a thank you letter from the American Cancer Society for the use of the meeting rooms during the past year.

Board President Scott Haugh told the board of his volunteer work with the American Legion, VFW, Disabled American Veterans, and the scholarships offered by these organizations.

Barb Green moved to adjourn at 6:58 p.m., and Jill Collin seconded the motion.

Connie Hoffman, Recording Secretary