

WJ Niederkorn Library Board Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2008 8:30 a.m. in the Library Community Room

1. Roll Call. Bob Bretl, Kay Goodwin, Tom Hudson, Barb Matera, Marie Zirbes, Dr. Mike Weber.
Excused : Judy Jones. Also attending Director David Nimmer.
 - a. Meeting called to order at 8:35 a.m.
2. Correspondence. None.
3. Public Comment. None.
4. Approval of minutes : March 21, 2008. Minutes approved by Hudson and seconded by Bretl.
5. Approval of schedule of invoices: April 2008. Motion made to approve invoices by Weber and seconded by Zirbes.
6. Approval of balance sheets: March 2008. Motion made to approve balance sheets by Hudson and seconded by Bretl.
7. Approval of the prioritizing of 2008 capital projects. Motion made by Hudson and seconded by Weber to have the painting of the exterior of the building and adding security gates be the top priorities in 2008.
8. Approval of new expenditures in 2008. Motion made by Hudson and seconded by Zirbes to approve computer purchase for Adult Services Librarian [\$1800], RFID tags (regular and special ones that fit right on DVDs)\$6050], landscaping [up to \$5000], and rental collection of popular books and movies program [\$10,000]. Money for these four projects will be taken from the Library Reserve Fund.
9. Directors report.
 - a. Renewing CD. One CD will be rolled over for 2-3 months pending best rate.
 - b. Adult Events Programs. The new Adult Services Librarian Annie has a schedule set up for book clubs and discussions (to be held every third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.), biography/ history/non-fiction group (held bi-monthly on third Saturday at 11:30 a.m.), writers group (to be held every third Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.), movies for adults matinee (held every first Monday of the month at 3:00 p.m.) and a Murder Mystery Party July 9th from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
 - c. Circulation Q1 2008. We are on target with similar numbers as previous years.
 - d. Shirley Schanen Gruen painting. Employees from Simplicity contacted David about donating a picture that Shirley had been commissioned to do of Simplicity years ago. They wanted to keep it in Port. The picture will be hung on the wall in the Library.
 - e. New automation system funding update. The choices were narrowed to three software programs: Spydus, Koha and Polaris. Polaris offers the best product and is the only product that met and exceeded the current functionality of the Horizon software. Next Tuesday the Library Directors will meet to discuss funding the new automation system. Ideally all the costs will be shared equally amongst all libraries in system. The cost for the whole system is \$300,000 with ongoing costs of \$50,000.

Other news. The Character Counts collection is in the Children's Section. The Friends of the Library Book Sale is coming up May 1-3.

Adjournment was at 9:25 a.m. with a motion by Zirbes and seconded by Bretl.

Minutes submitted by Kay J. Goodwin