

**LESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
March 10, 2009, 7:00 PM
Community Room of the Lester Public Library**

Call to Order – President Patrick Gagnon called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Roll Call – Members Present: Patrick Gagnon, Robert Fay, Terry Schumacher, Rick Henrickson, Brenda Krause, Kirsten Miller, Jay Orvis, Sharon Stone, Teri Wagner & Joyce Beth. Also Present: Library Director Jeff Dawson, and Adult Services Coordinator Chris Hamburg.

Public Comment – None.

Invited Guests – None.

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve minutes of Feb. 10, 2009 made by Jay Orvis, second Sharon Stone. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Expenditures & Financial Reports – Motion accepting the January 2009 financial reports – Detail Ledger, Trail Balances, Budget, Edward Jones, Tower Square Securities, and Benefits, Inc. made by Joyce Beth, second by Teri Wagner. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Committee Reports – None.

Board Member Comment – None.

Director's Report – Mr. Dawson submitted a report for February. He noted state funding for libraries will remain uncut through 2010. Jeff invited board members to a farewell cake and punch social in honor of Buck Leach March 31st. Director Dawson received word from the state on the eligibility for a Gates Foundation Grant. He distributed part of the communication, and requested board approval to apply. The grants require a partial match in funding from the library.

Moved by Rick Henrickson authorizing Director Dawson apply for 2010 & 2011 Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Opportunity Online Hardware Grant Program, second by Teri Wagner. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Director Dawson indicated an 11% increase in circulation, and a 2% increase in visitors for February 2009 compared with February 2008. The book sale held in March was successful with the Friends bringing in a total of \$867.50.

Communications – None.

Report from City Council Representative – Councilmember Orvis noted that a candidate's forum will be held March 31, at 6 PM in the Council Chambers. A public forum on the topic

of Wisconsin's Moratorium on New Nuclear Plant Construction will take place Thursday, March 12, 2009 1:30 PM in City Council Chambers.

Report from School District Representative – Representative Kirsten Miller reported no changes since last month's report.

Report from County Representative – None.

Unfinished Business –

A) Board Discussion of Investments. Discussion held with no action.

New Business –


A) Suggestions for new Library Board Trustees – Discussion held. President Gagnon requested members submit names to Dawson within the next six weeks. No action. Ms. Hamburg excused herself at 7:41 PM.

Closed Executive Session –

The Library Board of Trustees reserves the right to enter into Closed Session, per Wisconsin Statutes s. 19.85(1)(c) which allows closed session when the employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee under the jurisdiction of the particular government body is being considered. President Gagnon stated the purpose for Closed Session being Director Dawson's annual review. Moved by Henrickson to enter into closed session, second by Fay. Role call vote: Fay – yes, Schumacher – yes, Beth – yes, Gagnon – yes, Henrickson – yes, Krause – yes, Miller – yes, Orvis – yes, Stone – yes, Wagner – yes. The Library Board of Trustees entered into closed session at 7:42 PM.

At 8:12 PM Terry Schumacher moved to reconvene in open session, second by Krause.

8:12 PM moved for adjournment by Fay, second by Henrickson.



Elaine Steckler
Recording Secretary