

Minutes of the  
Board of Trustees meeting  
Ilsley Public Library  
Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Bob called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Present: Peg Martin, Chris Watters, Sandra Carletti, David Andrews, and Bob Champlin  
Also present: David Clark

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the October 19, 2010 meeting were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** no report

**Monthly financial statement:** David presented a statement dated November 12 covering 4 months (33%) of the fiscal year. Revenues were 30% of projected and expenditures were 26% of budgeted.

**Friends of Ilsley Public Library:** In the absence of the Friends president, David reported on their November 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting. The Friends are underwriting \$10,300 in additional projects in their 2010 budget and tentatively committed \$9,900 for projects in 2011. The board will vote on the allocation of 2011 funds at their December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Three projects the library requested may not be funded due to lack of money; the big item being \$6,753 for a time management system for the public computers.

The trustees expressed its appreciation for the wonderful support of the Friends.

### **Old Business**

- a. Chris reported on the trustee/Friends' conference he and his wife Cynthia (treasurer of the Friends) attended November 6. The highlight was the address of Sally Reed, former director of this library. Considerable time was given to grants and fundraising opportunities which emphasized the stark difference between this library and many other comparable libraries in the state where a major portion of their operating funds must be raised each year.
- b. David A. suggested inviting Tom Keefe to help with a structural analysis of the building.

### **New Business**

- a. The board will meet with the staff Thursday, December 9 from 9-11 a.m. to discuss options for future services and collections. The board reviewed the comments made by the staff at a recent staff meeting. Sandra suggested a program involving Mexican children who need to learn English with children who would like to learn Spanish. Peg suggested using Monkey survey to poll library users about how they used the library and to seek their suggestions.
- b. Jim Gish will be invited to attend the January 18, 2011 board meeting.
- c. The board agreed to meet for dinner at the home of Bob Champlin Tuesday, December 21.

**Statistics** Received for October, 2010

**Librarian's Report** David said that he had spoken with a woman who expressed interest in running for a position on the board. The board discussed other names with the hope that there will be several good candidates running at Town Meeting.

David reviewed the status of the sprinkler (contract to upgrade the dry system will soon be issued by the Selectboard) and the elevator (we are waiting to hear the scheduled date). Bob reported meeting with Tom Vanacore and David about the front steps. Mr. Vanacore's bid of

\$1,600 to coat the steps will likely be reduced to \$1,400 and the work will be done in the spring when the temperatures are more favorable.

David demonstrated the ease of using the meeting room's new projection podium by showing two websites. The first was the e-book collection offered through Montana public libraries. The second was a short film about an app (application) for the iPhone provided by OverDrive in order to read e-books. E-books will be offered through our Green Mountain Consortium beginning in January.

The board toured the youth services offices and saw the new shelving recently installed by Ron Highter.

**Business for the next agenda** Discussion with the staff about future services and collections.

The next meeting will be held **Thursday, December 9** at 9 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Clark  
Recording secretary