

APPROVED

MINUTES
Board of Trustees' Meeting
October 3, 2011

Present:

Patricia Altman	Bruce Charbonneau	Julie Johnson, Director
Jane Jessup Mayer	Andrew Pellettieri	Karen Vecellio
Gary Spielmann	Paula Van Meter	Mark Wilson

Guest of Honor: Bonnie Shannon

Guests: Friends of the Library Executive Committee, Dan Schoonover

Excused: Dorothy Balko, Lee Jamison, F. James Tuttle, Michael Wheeler

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Recognition of Bonnie Shannon: The Friends of the Library Executive Committee joined the Trustees in expressing appreciation to Bonnie Shannon for her extraordinary service to the Library as she leaves her position as Director. The success of the recent book sale and Oktoberfest are the latest in the long list of accomplishments that Bonnie helped make possible. A champagne toast and personal message, delivered with panache by Wendy Spielmann, were among the expressions of appreciation.

Announcements: Dan Schoonover reported that his popular Family Film Festival will continue this year, with the first movie showing at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 22nd. This series has been offered for approximately 20 years and continues to be a community favorite.

September Minutes: Motion made (Jessup Mayer), seconded (Pellettieri) and approved to accept as drafted.

Reports:

Friends of the Library: Elaine reported that the book sale netted \$1,500. The bench in the front of the Library was dedicated in honor of Larry Ashmead and his contributions to the Library.

Director: (written report attached). Julie also expressed appreciation for the donations made by the Board in memory of her father.

Treasurer (attached) – Motion made (Charbonneau), seconded (Vecellio) and approved to accept the report.

The July, 2011 expenditures: Ledger - \$8,997.79 and VISA \$538.36 were reviewed by Mark and found to be in order. Motion made (Vecellio), seconded (Jessup Mayer) and approved to accept the expenditures. August expenditures to be reviewed by Paula.

Committees:

Buildings & Grounds – Security for the newly-installed memorial bench is being procured. Valuation of the model ship is being obtained so that it can be sold for highest value.

Finance – No report in Mike’s absence.

Operations – The two amended policy descriptions, distributed last month, were approved: the Fundraising and Gift policy, by motion (Charbonneau), second (Pellettieri) and unanimous vote; and FOIL policy, by motion (Van Meter), second (Pellettieri) and unanimous vote.

21st Century Building - The Committee requested approval to seek professional help for analyzing fundraising feasibility, which would be an additional position to that of director of the fundraising campaign. Motion made (Wilson), seconded (Pellettieri) and approved to search for such a person. Julie reported that the renovation of the Children’s Room is expected to cost \$27,000 but the budgeted funds are \$15,000 short of that amount. Gary requested that the Finance Committee examine the budget for possible reallocation of funds from other areas of the budget to address the shortfall. Motion made (Pellettieri), seconded (Jessup Mayer) and approved to refer the matter to the Finance Committee.

Long Range Plan – no activities to report.

Old Business: This year’s Oktoberfest was a success in spite of imperfect weather conditions. The 60 contributions to the raffle and silent auction by local businesses were particularly impressive and appreciated.

The incident of videotaping without approval, discussed at the last meeting, has resulted in a legal complaint being served, naming the Library as a defendant, and purporting to commence litigation in the United States Supreme Court. A copy of the pro se complaint was available for inspection.

New Business: Warren Applegate reported from the Kinderhook Village Economic Development Committee about the proposed formation of a Sewer District to address the lack of an adequate sewer solution for the Business District of the Village to encourage economic development. The Board voted unanimously to support the formation of the Sewer District, which support will be reported by Gary at the upcoming public meeting on this proposal.

Following discussion in Executive Session, **Sunday Coverage** was assigned:

October 9 - Patricia; October 16 – Karen; October 23 – Andy; October 30 – Mark;
November 6 – Paula; November 13 – Mark.

Next Meeting: November 14, 2011.