International Falls Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2015

Present: Library Director Diane Adams, John Dalton, Art Holt, Dick Peterson, Paul Nevanen, Nancy McBride, Mary Jo Winkel

Call to order: 4:30 p.m.

Review of July meeting minutes.

Dalton made a motion to approve the minutes, Winkel seconded, motion approved.

Financial Report

The current bills were reviewed. McBride made a motion to pay the bills, Nevanen seconded, motion carried. Peterson signed to pay the bills.

Director's Report

The summer reading picnic attendance was approximately 100 people. This was similar to attendance in 2014 when the picnic was held during the day. Next year's picnic will again be held in the evening and Diane will contact the various banks, etc. in town so that there will be no conflict between the events. This year Border State Bank held their appreciation get-together the same evening and there might have been some overlap of individuals who didn't attend the picnic because of this.

Scheduled Programming

Summer reading program will wrap up on Friday, August 14, 2015. Drawings for reading participants will be held on Monday, August 17, 2015.

3 more weeks of crafts are scheduled, as well as 2 more weeks of stories in the park.

Friends of the Library Book Sale, Friday, August 28, 2015 12-4 p.m. This is scheduled during the Bass Tournament weekend.

Board Game night, 6:00-8:00 Monday, August 31, 2015

Starting in the fall: Open handiwork meeting on the 1st Monday of the month in the community room. This would be activities such as knitting, crocheting, etc. An opportunity for individuals to connect and share projects. Possibly on the 3rd Monday of the month children could attend such a meeting as long as they were accompanied by an adult.

Old Business:

The website, through Civic Plus, is up and running. Diane will be having a telephone conference on Monday, August 17 to fine tune the site.

A new part time custodian, Christina Saxton, will start on Monday, August 17.

The new Launch Pad from Playaway is now in circulation. It can be checked out for 2 weeks at a time.

The two new I-pads are operational in the jr. room. At this time there is no application that can count users, so the

staff will have to simply tally the users.

Minnesota has been chosen to participate in IMLS which is a federal agency to promote increased active learning through a super charged story time experience. Diane is exploring the possibility of participating in this program.

A proposed 2016 budget was presented to the board. It is very similar to the 2015 budget. McBride made a motion to accept the budget, Holt seconded and motion carried.

A national program called Outside the Lines will be observed the week of September 13-19, 2015. This showcases creativity in libraries and how libraries are relevant to everybody. A discussion revolved around possible participation in this.

Long range planning is needed for marketing and promotion of the library. The January budget could possibly include some funds for this need. Diane will provide a packet to the board members at the September meeting to study more thoroughly for future reference.

New Business:

Rainy River Community College is holding their first annual Social Service Provider Fair on Monday, August 24, 2014. Diane will attend and make library card applications available to the students.

Next board meeting: September 9, 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:25 p.m.