

C. A. FRIDAY MEMORIAL LIBRARY - June 30, 2009 Board Meeting

Present: Hop, Dale-Wozniak, Peplau, Schultz, Stuedemann, Vrieze

Absent: Granroth

1. Meeting was called to order by President Jeff Peplau at 6:05 P.M.
Welcome to Keith Stuedemann was extended by board members.
 - A. Adoption of agenda: **Motion by Rice, seconded by Dale-Wozniak.**
Motion approved.
 - B. Approval of minutes of the May 7, 2009 Board meeting:
Motion by Rice, seconded by Peplau. Motion approved.
 - C. Approval of bills. It has been determined that the bills no longer need to be checked by Board members prior to the Board meetings.

2. The Board was informed that the Stakeholder's group has had three meetings with groups of interested participants for floor space within the middle school site.

As a group we (the library Board) worked on a statement devised by Vrieze for presentation to GEN, NR News, school board, city mayor, council members, as well as village and town chairmen.

3. The last update for Library Space Needs Assessment was completed by Ander Dalgren in 2002. Numerous changes have taken place in the last 7 years, so an update of this needs assessment plan seems feasible.

- A) Growth in teen services has exploded in the last 5 years.
- B) Community expectations have also been voiced to staff and director.
- C) Discussion of Anders' monetary proposals for his space needs assessment took place.

- 1) He will give specifics on square footage, etc., and how each area should be configured for present and future library usage.

- 2) Board decided to **table** assessment by Anders until after site approval.

- D) The Board agreed to endorse in principle a proposal to locate a new library facility on the New Richmond Middle School property, after that facility is vacated in 2011. The Board's support is contingent on the following:

1. The proposed library will be new construction, not renovation of the existing middle school building.

2. The library will be built in the space created by the demolition of the oldest part of the current middle school building, possibly extending into the green space south and west of the current building.

4. The Board discussed the status of an increase in the County Library levy: It was determined to ask for an increase from 71% to 100% from surrounding townships.

5. Library Director's Report:

- A) Discussion of on line paying of fines; these may be paid quarterly. There is no specific information on this yet.

- B) The drop-box on sidewalk is deteriorating. While a new drop-box is being constructed, it was decided to put signs on curbside drop apprising public of future move as drop-box will be near door to library.
 - C) Discussion of money stolen from library last year. No restitution has been made as to this date.
 - D) CD's will now be put in locking cases near front desk. Area where CD's were Stored is needed and the locking cases are an inexpensive solution.
6. Committee Reports:
- A) none available
7. The next Library Board Meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2009.
8. Adjournment:
- Motion by Peplau, seconded by Schultz, motion passed and meeting adjourned
At 7:34.**