

Minutes of the Board of Directors Wyomissing Public Library

The Board of Directors of the Wyomissing Public Library (WPL) met on Tuesday, April 11, 2006 in the Community Room of the library. President Geoffrey Stoudt called the meeting to order at 4:03 P.M.

Members present: Lisa Gallen, Denise Greenwood, John Schmoyer, Steve Silverman, Bill Stobbart, Geoffrey Stoudt, and Mary Ellen Wells.
Library Director: Christopher Ritter; Past President: Judy Phelps

Approval of March's minutes: Bill Stobbart, seconded by Denise Greenwood, made motion for approval of the minutes.

President's report: Geoff Stoudt is pleased with the WPL's enthusiasm for the Centennial Committee's planned May 13th kick-off at the library.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Stobbart made mention of two expense accounts which appear to be running ahead of plan. The larger of the two accounts (#4210 Library Materials) is temporarily high due to the pre-buying of summer materials.

Corresponding Secretary: A thank-you letter was sent to Kevin Leiby for his work with the *Eagle Scouts* in water-leak "painting" the basement walls. Denise Greenwood will also send an in-advance thank-you letter to the Sutherland family in anticipation of their intent to ask guests to make a monetary donation to the WPL, in lieu of a gift or bringing food, when attending their 200th year anniversary celebration of the building of their home. Denise also read a letter from Honorary Board Member Carolyn Erdman announcing her resignation from the Board. A letter will be sent to Carolyn thanking her for her service to the WPL.

Library Director's Report: Chris Ritter reported total circulation for March to be 7006, with 5096 people having been counted visiting the WPL. A 164% increase in attendees was reported for Children's events, with 256 attendees at 17 programs. Chris noted the PA HC's approval of a \$500.00 grant to convert slides into prints (to be on permanent display in the library) and to convert 16mm film reels to two DVD's. The three-day book sale was very successful in that it brought in \$2063.00. Two hundred customers purchased books at this event. Chris reported that the WPL is expected to become "wireless" within the next month. Wyomissing Data will create passwords that will be more secure than current ones. (This will then allow the router donated by the Rotary Club to be used for the "wireless" area of the WPL. See the March 2006 minutes for prior discussion of this matter). The Garden Club will be sponsoring their 10th annual flower show at the WPL on June 15th and 16th. The theme will be "Putting on the Ritz". Volunteers are being sought to monitor the room during show hours.

Committee Reports:

Community Affairs: Chairperson Lisa Gallen encouraged as many board members as possible to attend the Saturday, May 13th Centennial Kick-Off at the WPL.

Membership: As of April 10th and in comparison to 2005, association dues have increased \$4300.00 along with an increase of 37 members. An increase in collected dues from non-residents is also paying dividends in terms of the committee's 2006 solicitation efforts.

Building & Grounds: Although no report, Chris noted that Earl has completed the cleaning of the mezzanine area and the installation & staining of panel board in preparation of the planned ongoing book sale (see unfinished business).

Information Technology: No report.

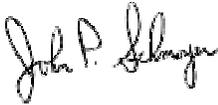
Unfinished Business: The WPL's intent to have an ongoing, year-round book sale would have no tax ramifications from the standpoint of being a non-profit organization. As a result of this information, the library will move ahead with plans to offer the service of selling books year-round. The majority of the mezzanine and

the bookshelf located in the 1st floor hallway will be used for this purpose. The matter of how to control the "quality" of the books donated to the library was again discussed. Recommendations included preparing a flyer and/or posters to be located in various locations within the library.

New Business: Geoff Stoudt raised the revisiting of an endowment. A committee of five (5), headed by Bill Stobbart, will address this topic. A brief discussion of the "local financial effort" concept followed. The board was informed of the WPL's intent to participate in the Fourth of July Parade. The children's Reading Club is expected to march on behalf the library. The library will sponsor a post-parade candy stand at the Stone House. Unsold candy will be made available to the Wyomissing Pool at a nominal fee (at cost). Denise Greenwood "discovered" some relatively long-forgotten WPL prints during the cleaning of the mezzanine. Suggestions are being sought as to how they can be "distributed", e.g. framing them as gifts to donors.

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



John P. Schmoyer

Next Executive Meeting: Monday, May 1, 2006 @ 5:00 PM
Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 2006 @ 4:00 PM