

MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY



Library Board Minutes

In the Archer Room

December 16, 2008

Board members present: Bornhofen, Fulton, Hilbert, Kozich, Olson, Otto, Westbury

Board members absent: Smith, Soeteber

Staff present: Westby

Call to Order

President Olson called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m. following a tour and social time with members of the city council: Mayor Sonnentag, City Administrator Davis, members: Wexler, Bar, West, Leo, and County Supervisor Mark Opitz.

Minutes

After discussion, moved by Westbury, seconded by Otto, to approve the minutes of November 11, 2008, regular meeting, as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Monthly Operating Expenditures Report

After discussion, moved by Westbury, seconded by Bornhofen, to approve the Operating Expenditures report. Motion carried unanimously.

Director's Comments:

Circulation continues to see a steady climb, last month 4.46% over November of 2008. Self checkout continues to grow in popularity and accounts for over 28% of the items checked out.

Lori Bell's last day will be December 31st. The board appreciates all her hard work, energy and enthusiasm.

Amanda Moss Struckmeyer has been hired to fill the Youth Services Librarian position. Start date is January 5.

Our Jessica Brooks will move into the newly formed position of Youth Services LA I.

Librarians' Reports:

Adult services is trying an Adult Winter Reading program for the first time. The theme is Hot Reads for Cold Nights.

Young Adult services is looking to add a Wii station and games. The board voiced some concern and asked Westby to provide some background information on the benefits of gaming in the library.

The new colored copier and fax machine with a vend unit has arrived and will be available to the public after staff training has been completed.

Regular Agenda items:

Lasting Gifts brochures: Discussion. A sub-committee will continue to rework the brochure. It will be returned to the Board for final approval at a future meeting.

Next month's meeting will on January 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Cardinal Room. Items to be discussed include the meeting room policy.

Moved by Westbury; seconded by Bornhofen, to adjourn at 7:29 p.m.

Pamela K. Westby, recorder

Note: These minutes were prepared by Pamela K. Westby, library director. They are based on her notes as recorder and are subject to change at a subsequent meeting.