

Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library
Regular Meeting of August 6, 2009 -
Imlay City, MI
(Proposed Board Minutes)

Attendance:

Donald Davenport (president/ presiding) ***Present***
Nancy Marshall (vice-president) ***Present***
Laurie Dodge (secretary) ***Present***
Karen Hibbler (treasurer) ***Present***
Mary Lou Bissett (trustee) ***Present***
Shirley Edwards (trustee) ***Present***
W. Todd Hancock (trustee) ***Present***

Staff: B. Kristen Valyi-Hax, Library Director ***Present***

Guests:

- 7R01.01 Call to Order ***The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.***
7R01.02 Additions/Deletions/Approval of Agenda ***Ms. Bissett made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Edwards. Motion carried.***
7R01.03 Additions/Deletions/Approval of minutes of July 2009 meeting ***Ms. Bissett made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 2009 meeting, seconded by Ms. Edwards. Motion carried.***
7R01.04 Approval of Bills/Financial Status ***Ms. Dodge made a motion to approve the bills and financial status, seconded by Ms. Hibbler. Motion carried.***
7R01.05 Time for Public Comments ***There were no public comments.***

Unfinished Business: Overview/Updates:

- 7R01.06 Repairing the Fence ***After reviewing all of the property documents as well as having a conversation with the neighbor, Ms. Valyi-Hax can find no reason why the Board should not proceed with repairing the fence. It does appear that the library owns the property and is responsible for maintenance. Ms. Marshall made a motion to replace the fence at the estimated cost (or slightly above, to director's discretion) given by Just Call Bob, seconded by Ms. Hibbler. Motion carried.***

Staff Reports: ***The new director of the Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative will be Denise Hooks. She is currently the director of Mott Community College Library and will take over October 1, 2009. The recent library survey had many respondents, and the results for the library were very good. The director will post the results on the library's web page soon. The Summer Reading Program finished on August 1. We had a good turnout from readers of all ages.***

Jennifer Granholm has issued an Executive Order abolishing the Department of History, Arts, and Libraries. Part of the EO involves dismantling the collection at the Library of Michigan, which is very

worrisome since there has been a Library of Michigan for as long as there has been a state of Michigan. It will affect genealogists, researchers, and citizens of the state. The EO also calls for reduced State Aid to libraries. This is also troublesome because it could affect MeL (Michigan eLibrary), specifically MeLCat and MeL Databases. The Michigan Library Association opposes Governor Granholm's EO, and the statement is available at their web site (<http://www.mla.lib.mi.us>). The Board instructed the director to prepare a flyer alerting RHMDL patrons about this.

Committee Reports:

- 7R01.7 Personnel Committee *There was no report from this committee.*
7R01.8 Policy Committee *There was no report from this committee.*
7R01.9 Budget Committee *There was no report from this committee. However, the director reminded the Board that there will be a Public Budget hearing at the September meeting. The Budget Hearing will be at 6:00 p.m., thirty minutes before the regular meeting. The director will mail copies of the proposed budget to the Board members for review before the meeting.*

New Business:

- 7R01.10 Community Service Policy *The Board reviewed a draft of a policy for those people who wish to perform their court-ordered community service at the library. The Board edited the text, making suggestions to clarify the language. Questions arose on whether or not the library staff is allowed to ask the reason why the person is doing the community service. The Board asked the director to forward the policy to the library's attorney for review after she has made the necessary edits.*

Communications: Executive Order Regarding Department of History, Arts & Libraries

Adjournment:

- 7R01.11 Adjournment *A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Bissett, seconded by Ms. Marshall. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.*