

WAVERLY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes for October 25, 2005

The Waverly Public Library Board of Trustees met at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2005 in the Conference Room of the Library.

In attendance: Tholkes, Biddison, Dillon, Main, Timmerman, Podhajsky, Blake, Waldstein and McCue. Director Meyer-Reyerson. Guests: Sandy Johnson from Friends of the Waverly Public Library; Brad Biermann, Pat Vogel of Vogel Irrigation, and Art Hessburg from the Waverly Public Library Foundation.

Meeting called to order at 5:15 p.m.

Blake moved setting the agenda, Timmerman seconded, carried.

Blake moved to approve the September 27, 2005 minutes, Podhajsky seconded, carried.

Pat Vogel from Vogel Irrigation, Jesup, was at the meeting and described irrigation systems for the lawn, garden, planters and plantings. Brad Biermann was also in attendance and helped provide further explanation. To do complete irrigation of all areas the current bid would be \$16,826.00, and a current bid for just the planters, plantings and garden would be \$4,614.00. The Building & Grounds Committee recommended the \$4,614 bid to irrigate the garden and planters. No lawn irrigation at this time. Carl Dillon moved that the Board accept the Building & Grounds Committee recommendation and accept the bid from Vogel to provide an irrigation system for all planted areas and in addition, prepare for the possibility of irrigating the entire lawn at some later date. Biddison seconded. Discussion about the acceptability of minor increases to original bid due to cost of materials in spring and additional boring for water lines. Motion carried. Brad Biermann will contact Vogel Irrigation and arrange to have this done in the spring. Blake moved that this project be paid from the Library Foundation funds, Dillon seconded, carried.

Financials: Meyer-Reyerson presented the financials for October. One pay period is missing from this report. The Library has just received \$3,569.47 from Enrich Iowa funds - these are to be used to "improve library services". These funds were placed in the reserve account. The line item for periodicals is being reviewed to maximize dollars spent on magazines. Blake moved approval of October financials, Podhajsky seconded, carried.

The Budget & Finance Committee will meet in November to review a budget proposal for 2006-07. Possible increases for: Continuing Education, Printing and Books.

Long Range Planning Update: The Friends will keep purchasing more books for babies being born at the Waverly Health Center. Family Book Club had record attendance of 19 in October. Sue took storytime to the first two pilot home daycares. The Building and Grounds Committee is working on an irrigation system for the gardens. Staff has been attending continuing education. The library has also been the site for a number of community events the past month.

Reports:

Building & Grounds - reported on the irrigation system. The committee decided to have garden activities in February and June, but no "May Garden Party" in 2006.

Bremer County Library Association Meeting - McCue and Meyer-Reyerson attended the October 18th meeting and reported that Frederika still has no library contract - will be working with an ombudsman. Most libraries in Bremer County have now set a fee for Frederika residents to use their library. Three libraries have joined the technology consortium. All county libraries agreed to request a 10% increase in the County budget for libraries.

Friends of the Waverly Public Library - Sandy Johnson was at the meeting and reported that she had visited with the Waverly Newspapers about publicity for the library. They would run pictures and writings free, but a full page would cost \$1,035. Decided to try free articles and pictures first, to encourage citizens to join Friends. Sandy also suggested a joint committee to work on this publicity, and Elaine Main from the Board of Trustees will help with this.

Waverly Public Library Foundation - Art Hessburg was in attendance as he and Tholkes have been discussing a plan for Foundation funds. There is approximately \$90,000 to work with. They had some ideas on paper and it was decided to come back to this project in January, 2006. A steering committee will be formed at the December meeting.

Other business - Dillon offered possible solutions regarding the "marshy" area problem West of the gardens.

Adjournment was at 7:20 p.m. with the next meeting set for Tuesday, November 29, 2005 at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise G. Timmerman, Secretary

Greg Tholkes, Board President