

Ephraim Library Committee
January 23, 2012

PRESENT: Jane Olson, chair; Diane Kirkland, Windsor McCutcheon, Anne Van de Ven, Barbara Williams; Librarian Linda Malmgren

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 by Jane Olson. There were no changes to the agenda. Regarding the December minutes.

Motion by Windsor McCutcheon to approve the minutes, seconded by Anne Van de Ven, all ayes. There were no visitors' comments.

Treasurer's Report

Windsor reported that we paid one bill in December, to the Ephraim Historical Foundation for lamination of four program signs last summer, \$68.00. We now have \$1,460.58 in the checking account and \$20,246.16 in the Luxemburg account (interest earned in December of \$9.04).

Motion by Diane Kirkland to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Barbara Williams, all ayes.

Librarian's Report

Linda reported that Ephraim's Library is down compared to last year as far as total books checked out, 854 less (9.29%). Most of the branches were down with the exception of Baileys Harbor, Washington Island and Fish Creek. These figures don't reflect people using the library or traffic coming in the library, just check-outs.

Ebooks and audio downloads are rather show in growth; there are some publishers who refuse to sell ebooks. Sturgeon Bay's Library, however, grew from 5 ebooks and 17 audio books in May of last year to 43 ebooks and 23 audio in December.

The Door County Library Budget will have a decrease overall, and there will be a total of \$4,000 for book budget to be spread throughout the County. We will get 2.09% of the book budget (down from 2.29%), which directly reflects our downward numbers in book check-outs. Noted that \$6,000 of the County's Library budget will go to the State for the ebook fund. Our periodical budget will be reduced by 1% to \$239 for this year. We are glad we have the Cherry funds to supplement.

Every three years, the Door County Library Board meets off site – they will be at the Ephraim Library in September of this year.

Motion by Diane Kirkland to accept the Librarian's Report. Seconded by Anne Van de Ven, all ayes.

Old Business

Door County Reads – Linda said this will probably be the last year, due to the drying up of funding. The Friends of the Library paid \$4,000 for 500 copies of the book but there

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are other costs with all the programs presented throughout the month—the “Heart is a Lonely Hunter” film being shown, etc. Our day will be February 1 at High Point Inn.

Update on First Lady Program/Project to be Supported – Jane reported that Jessica has been booked to do Dolly Madison on June 21 at 2 p.m. The dessert will be cream puff with ice cream and chocolate sauce, Dolly’s famous dessert. The program itself begins at 2 p.m. We will pay Jessica when she arrives. The Hall is also booked. There will be a patriotic theme for the table decorations. We haven’t set the price because Jane is looking into prices for plates, etc. Might also do a drawing.

New Business

Fyr Bal Preparations – noted that the event will only be 1 day this year. They will start the book sale at 8:30 a.m., as everything was set up by then in 2011. It helps to have the tents up on Friday evening. Jane will see to it we get a permit for the tents. We need about 6 people to set them up. Weights are in Jane’s garage, already filled with sand from last year.

Uncle Sam/Lady Liberty carved decorations – Jane asked if these could be used in June and July on display in the Library. Consensus was yes. Jane mentioned she also has several themes of decorations she would give to the Library for their use—they could be stored in the Hall basement in containers. Wood flowers/boots to decorate the shelves for spring, Valentine goblets and sparklies, shamrocks, etc. Everyone agreed this would be a great idea.

Discussion of the 2013 budget – Jane will be out of the country when the committees begin discussions. No one could think of anything major to request, although there is one cracked window pane and one storm window that doesn’t fit. These could fall within the regular Maintenance budget, however.

Review Magazine Subscriptions/Cherry Funds – Linda had a checklist for users to indicate which magazines they are reading. Every subscription got at least one check, but most popular were People, Midwest Living, Consumer Reports. Keep National Geographic for Kids? Wall Street Journal will expire, then we will be urged to renew at a lower price. It’s worth waiting. Discussed perhaps American Artist rather than Art in America, but it will be left up to Linda to make the final decisions on any changes.

Motion by Anne Van de Ven to renew the Cherry Fund magazines up to \$225, plus the Wall Street Journal. Seconded by Windsor McCutcheon, all ayes.

Agenda for the Next Meeting – Discuss the March drawing for the iPad pouch. Next meeting date will be **Monday, February 20, at 4 p.m.** The next meeting after that will be **April 22.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Kirkland, Secretary