

West Branch Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2015

Meeting Commenced at 6:35 PM

Present: Dan Stevenson, Amanda Rushton, Michael Schlitz, Amy Guhl, Monica Tylee, Cary Wiesner, Nick Shimmin (Director)

March 12 Minutes: The minutes of the March 12 meeting were presented for consideration. Trustee Schlitz moved the minutes be approved as submitted, with Trustee Wiesner seconding. This motion passed unanimously with no one abstaining.

Forum: The board would like to congratulate Director Shimmin on his engagement.

April Expenditure Report: Trustee Guhl moved this report be accepted as submitted, with Trustee Rushton seconding; motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Goal Setting and Planning: Director Shimmin and the board decided to focus on the next year for now. Suggestions for facility upgrades included conservation landscaping, installation of security cameras, and bathroom remodeling. Other suggestions included a “tablet table” and new furnishings, including more child-friendly furniture. These types of projects will likely be part of any future reorganization of library spaces.

Director Shimmin mentioned that the Book Club attendance has steadily declined. Suggestions for a fix included changing the meeting night and discussing a wider range of books. Other programming suggestions included movies geared more toward adults, game tournaments for both youth and adults, Staff/Patron book picks, and a “Who Read It” list.

As for staffing, Director Shimmin mentioned doing more Story Times, since the current programs are getting quite crowded. These could perhaps be scheduled on Wednesday or Friday mornings. He also suggested shuffling staff times on Thursdays.

The board ended up voting on many of these selections using the “sticker” method. Top vote getters were: “Grown Up” movies, 5 votes; Split Story Times, 4; Youth/Adult Tournaments, 4; Security Cameras, 4; Who Read it List, 4; and Staff /Patron Picks, 4.

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 PM.

Next Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for May 14, 2015, Library Activity Room.