

ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD MEETING

At The Arrowhead Library System Office, 210 Dodge Street, Janesville, WI

August 12, 2009

ALS President John Berg called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Present were Karla Nitz, Jane Thompson, Jose Carrillo, Richard Bostwick, Hedberg Public Library Director Bryan McCormick, and ALS Director, Ruth Ann Montgomery.

The minutes of the July 2009 meeting of the ALS board were moved approved by Richard Bostwick and seconded by Karla Nitz. The motion carried unanimously.

The bills for the month of August 2009 were reviewed. Jose Carrillo moved to approve the June bills and Richard Bostwick seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

The ALS booth at the Rock County Fair was well attended. More than 3,000 people talked with the ALS staff and volunteers from the seven member libraries. There were many positive comments about the libraries in Rock County and the RockCat shared catalog.

There will be book discussions at six of the seven member libraries, using the books Nickled and Dimed and The Glass Castle to encourage discussion about poverty. ALS is working with the Vision 2020 committee to promote the book discussions and a member of the Vision 2020 committee will help lead the discussions at each library.

The iPod compatible books are now available for downloading on Overdrive. Not all recordings of books are available in iPod format

The Budget for 2010 was discussed. Ruth Ann will be meeting with County Administrator and staff on Thursday to present the budget.

There are four LSTA 2010 grants that will be ready for board review and approval at the September meeting. The grants include job training, digitization projects for Edgerton, Milton Historical Society and Eager Free Public Library; an accessibility grant for the seven libraries; and a technology training grant.

A grant for stimulus money includes a local Go Gig consortium grant for fiber connections and a grant for fiber to each public library and school in the state. ALS supports these grants and will continue to be a participant in discussions and grant applications. The Wisconsin Public Library Consortium is also considering applying for stimulus money that will be used for computer training in public libraries.

Richard Bostwick moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Jose Carrillo. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Ann Montgomery, Secretary