

Richland Community Library Board Minutes February 16, 2011

Members Present: Cynthia Berg, Chris Cupper, Jill Gould (at 6:15 pm), Judy Hobson, Patrice Mindock, Larry Williams

Members Absent: Raenell Kent

Others Present: Kay LaPierre

Call to Order: President Mindock called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Public Comment: None

Guests: None

Review Minutes of January 19, 2011: A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented. (Williams/Mindock) The motion was approved.

Friends of the Library Report: None

Financial Report: The statement of revenues and expenses for the four months ending in January was reviewed; disbursements for January were also presented and reviewed. A motion was made to approve the financial report as presented. (Hobson/Berg) The motion was approved.

Director's Report: The Library was closed on Wednesday, February 2nd owing to extreme weather conditions. A marked increase in DVD circulation was realized the day before the storm, almost doubling the daily circulation. The Director met with the Director at Plainwell, discussing funding trends and OverDrive. The staff has been encouraged to brainstorm ways to conserve cash flow as a response to less government funding. The Director will attend a Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative on Friday, February 18th. Sue Carter will facilitate a book discussion for this year's Reading Together book, ***Strength in what remains***. Mrs. Carter will lead the discussion on March 3rd at 7:00 PM. Considering the projected decline in funding from the state (with the trend towards consolidating governmental units), a discussion ensued regarding ramifications of the possible dissolution of the Village of Richland and the implications that would have for viability of RCL.

Committee Reports:

Facility Committee: Water damage on the west side the interior of the building will need to be addressed in the spring. Also discussed was repainting and proposed alterations to the community room.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM. (Williams/Berg) The next meeting will be held March 16, 2011 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Cupper, Secretary

Patrice Mindock, President