

Sherman Public Library Board Regular Meeting

December 21, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Sherman Public Library Board convened at 5:00 p.m. In addition to Anita Walters, Librarian, Board members present were: Julie Horton, Mary Contri, David Grimm, Bob Shurig, Lesli Choat, and Jack Patterson. Visitor was Paul Stark.

It was moved by Julie and seconded by Bob to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2011, meeting as received or corrected. The motion was approved.

It was moved by Julie and seconded by Mary to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills. The motion was approved, with a unanimous, individual voice vote.

Anita presented the Librarian's Report. Circulation for the month of November, 2011, was 2707 items, a 10 per cent increase from the 2448 items of November, 2010. For the month of November, the Library loaned 498 items through Reciprocal Borrowing and loaned 385 items through Interlibrary Loan. For Fiscal Year 2012 to date, through Illinois Heartland Library System, the Library has borrowed 1778 items for its patrons and loaned 6116 items. Through statewide OCLC (Online Computer Library Center), for FY 2012 to date, the Library has borrowed 27 items and loaned 18.

The January, 2012, Friends of Sherman Library Book Club (FOSL) selection is *Night Strangers*, by Chris Bojahalian.

Demonstrations of the software for the new platform which will combine all IHLS libraries were held November 7 and 8 and continued November 15 and 16 at Effingham. The two competing systems of software are SirsiDynix Symphony and Polaris. Illinois Heartland Library System members met at Decatur on November 29 and 30 to review and determine the best choice.

On December 8, the LLSAP User's Group Governing Board met at Decatur and elected Anita its Interim President.

The Governing Boards of the four merging systems met at Effingham, the home base of the Heartland Library System, on December 14 to discuss anticipated difficulties with the new library system.

Anita reported that there are some issues with the outdoor lighting. A transformer needs to be replaced in one parking lot light, and modifications to the building side lights are necessary.

It was moved by Jack and seconded by Mary to invest the Library's current Illinois Municipal Funds as per attached schedule of current bank rates, subject to attorney approval. The motion was approved, with a unanimous, individual voice vote.

It was moved by Dave and seconded by Jack to approve the Purchase/Bid Policy. The motion was approved, with a unanimous, individual voice vote.

It was moved by Julie and seconded by Lesli to approve the VESSA (Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act) Policy. The motion was approved, with a unanimous, individual voice vote.

The Board decided to table action on the Compassionate Leave Policy until a later date.

It was moved by Jack and seconded by Lesli to approve the Golf Green Prepay Bid for lawn care. The motion was approved, with a unanimous, individual voice vote.

Business was suspended to allow the Board and Staff to meet in celebration of the holiday season and to honor long-time and recently retired trustee Paul Stark.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.