LESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

August 14, 2012 6:00 PM

Community Room of the Lester Public Library

Call to Order -President Patrick Gagnon called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Roll Call – Members Present: Rick Henrickson, Judy Stuebs, Brenda Krause, Robert Fay, Ned Guyette, Collette Tegen, and Patrick Gagnon. Excused: Kirsten Miller, Kay Koach and Sharon Stone. Also Present: Adult Services Coordinator Chris Hamburg, Kendra Sand, Cretton Enterprises and Director Jeff Dawson.

Public Comment - None

Approval of Minutes – Chris Hamburg noted a correction for the July minutes. Motion to approve amended minutes of June 12, 2012 made by Collette Tegen second made by Ned Guyette. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Expenditures & Financial Reports –Dawson explained the absence of the Tower Securities Report. Motion to accept and file the July, 2012 financial reports – Detail Ledger, Trial Balances, Budget, Edward made by Robert Fay, second made by Brenda Krause. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Board Member Comment – Krause commented on the handicapped parking changes. Henrickson noted out of town visitors praised the library at Community Care Day. Tegen complimented the library's involvement with the Wisco Histo blog, posting 'then and now' photos from the Wentorf Collection and Dawson's current photos.

Director's Report - Dawson commented on several items contained in his report.

Communications – Dawson distributed an invitation from the Lakeshore Community Foundation's presentation entitled "endowment."

Report from City Council Representative - No report

Report from School District Representative - No report

Report from County Representative – Henrickson apologized for his absence lately; it is due to conflicting county budget sessions. He stressed the county needs to not just consider the dollars and cents of operations, but the human factor and services provided as the county budget strategies unfold. He encourages all board members to contact him with questions and concerns.

Strategic Plan – Dawson explained that staff has begun a rewrite of the strategic plan. Not only will the entire library staff be involved, but the board will be asked for input as well. President Gagnon would like to have the board discuss the strategic plan and what worked well and areas that need improvement; he asked the board to consider whether the library's mission and vision aligns with the three major goals of the current plan.

Old Business:

Dawson discussed where the Manitowoc Calumet Library System stands on merging with another library system in the state. It appears the merger discussions that started very quickly have cooled. The Eastern Shores Library System is considering hiring a consultant to investigate merger possibilities.

New Business:

First review of the Collection Development Policy revision; after some discussion President Gagnon encouraged the board to review over the course of the coming month and come back with further suggestions and vote on the revisions.

Closed Executive Session - None

President Gagnon suggested the board adjourn then take the garden tour.

Motion to adjourn made by Brenda Krause, second made by Rick Henrickson. Voice vote carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.

Board Education - Kendra Sand, Cretton Enterprises provided a tour of the library gardens.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Dawson, Director