LESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

November 10, 2009, 7:00 PM

Webster Room of the Lester Public Library

Call to Order – President Patrick Gagnon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call – Members Present: Patrick Gagnon, Joyce Beth, Brenda Krause, Rick Henrickson, Teri Wagner, Robert Fay & Sharon Stone. Excused: Collette Tegen, Jay Orvis & Kirsten Miller. Also Present: Library Director Jeff Dawson, Adult Services Coordinator Chris Hamburg and invited guest Mr. Doug DeVries of Edward Jones Investments.

Public Comment - None.

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve minutes of October 13, 2009 made by Sharon Stone, second made by Joyce Beth. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Visitor Mr. Doug DeVries of Edward Jones Investments gave the board a brief review of the current investment portfolio as part of the annual review and answered questions of the board. President Gagnon thanked him and excused Mr. DeVries at 7:14 PM.

Expenditures & Financial Reports – Motion to accept and file the September 2009 financial reports – Detail Ledger, Trial Balances, Budget, Edward Jones & Tower Square Securities/Benefits Inc. made by Brenda Krause, second by Robert Fay. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Committee Reports - None.

Board Member Comment – None.

Director's Report – Mr. Dawson provided his written report in the monthly packet and provided highlights for the month of October. Director Dawson attended the Bill and Melinda Gates Conference as part of the grant requirements. The board reviewed the matching funds needed for the grant in the years 2010 & 2011. Jeff and Terry Ehle's presentations at the Wisconsin Library Conference in October were well received. Mr. Dawson is still serving as Temporary Acting Director for MCLS while searching for a permanent replacement. Circulation Statistics have increased 9% over the previous year-to-date numbers, with new registrations up 12% year-to-date over 2008, and Engaged Patrons received yet another record number of hits for the month. Mr. Dawson acknowledged a job well done by Reference Associate Susan Menk on her facilitation of Story Circles programming.

Communications – HTR Article was discussed within the Director's Report.

City Council Report – None.

School District Report – None.

County Board Representative Report – Mr. Henrickson gave a brief overview of the work being done on the County level of government with nothing directly impacting the library.

Unfinished Business -

A) Policy Review – Library Policy Title 1: Chapter 9 Code of Conduct.

Moved by Rick Henrickson to approve Library Policy Title 1: Chapter 9

Code of Conduct as presented, second Joyce Beth. Voice vote carried unanimously.

New Business -

- A) LARS Agreement Mr. Dawson presented the LARS Agreement for consideration and approval. Moved by Teri Wagner to approve the LARS Agreement as presented authorizing President Gagnon to sign, second Rick Henrickson. Voice vote carried unanimously.
- B) 2010-2014 Strategic Plan Director Dawson presented the Plan and discussion was held. President Gagnon requested board members review the plan and be prepared to discuss at the December regular meeting.

President Gagnon opened the floor for a motion to move into closed session as provided per Wisconsin Statues s. 19.85(1)(c) which allows Closed Session when the employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee under the jurisdiction of the particular government body is being considered. President Gagnon stated the purposed for this Closed Session pertains to a personnel issue and the intent to reconvene in Open Session for adjournment purposes only. Moved by Robert Fay to enter into Closed Session, seconded by Rick Henrickson. Roll Call Vote: R Fay – yes, R Henrickson – yes, P Gagnon – yes, B Krause – yes, J Beth – yes, S Stone – yes, T Wagner – yes. The meeting moved into closed session at 8:08 PM.

Motion by Robert Fay to reconvene in open session at 8:20, second Sharon Stone - Voice vote carried.

Motion by Rick Henrickson to adjourn, second Robert Fay - Voice vote carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Elaine Steckler
Recording Secretary