

Otsego District Library Board of Trustees Meeting December 20, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President Donna Beach at 7:00 p.m. Present were Diana Gilmer, Sharon Tans, Renny Ransbottom, Nancy Seibert, Director, Ryan Wieber and Dan Pepper of the Allegan News. John Chapman was absent.

The minutes of the November 15 meeting were approved as read.

Correspondence – none

Circulation and Expenditure reports for November were presented with a motion to approve by Diana, seconded by Sharon. Motion carried.

Revenue report for November 2005 and Treasurers reports for October 31 and November 30 were reported with a motion to approve by Nancy, seconded by Renny. Motion carried.

Ryan reported two new pages had been hired and he also presented a brief printed report to the Board regarding various items of interest involving library operations.

Organized Programs – The December “Drop and Shop” Program was successful with approximately 26 children originally signed up and 18 actually participating. The movie “Polar Express” was shown during the afternoon and it is Ryan’s hope to expand in the future on a children’s movie program. The survey sheets he presented to parents to fill out during the “Drop and Shop” Program worked out good and also made it evident that the shoppers and the Library program promoted downtown businesses.

Ryan also reported to the Board that several weeks ago the Davidson Express held a motorcycle ride with proceeds of \$400 being contributed to the Library. A thank you was sent to them.

One of the coming programs in January is “Keeping Up With Technology. The annual Mother-Daughter Tea will be held, as well as Lighthouses of Michigan. In March an MSU Extension program will be presented on forestry and agriculture. There will also be a genealogy workshop and a monthly children’s movie. There are two Story Hours; there will be available Vita Tax Preparation help and AARP Tax help. Through the courtesy of the Friends of the Library a new program is being presented for Senior citizens “Read to Seniors. When requested, someone will visit a senior citizen to read to them on a regular basis.

Ryan presented a sample of the new Library logo to Board members. It proves to be a very nice addition to all Library paperwork and will be an impressive identification for the Otsego District Library.

Renny suggested the Library Board consider a new lighted, programmable moving sign for in front of the Library to replace the outdated current sign. It was the consensus of the Board this would be more of an informative and attractive advertisement to display in front to rather than than the current sign. Ryan will check into costs and report on his findings at the next meeting.

The next regular Board meeting will be held Tuesday, January 17, 2005.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Sharon, seconded by Renny. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Seibert, Secretary