

Minutes of the  
Board of Trustees meeting  
Ilsley Public Library  
Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Sandra called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Present: Peg Martin, Sandra Carletti, Maria Graham, and David Andrews  
Also present: Molly Reed, Chris Kirby, and David Clark

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the November 15, 2011 meeting were accepted as presented. David showed where the minutes are posted on the library's website. The board asked that the draft minutes, once written, be emailed to them and then posted, with the watermark DRAFT, to the website.

**Treasurer's Report:** no report because the statements have not yet arrived

**Monthly financial statement:** no report because the bookkeeper has not had time to compile it

**Friends of Ilsley Public Library:** Peg reported that she and Sarah Lawton had attended the most recent meeting of the Friends board on December 15, 2011. The board discussed the used book sale and how they could maximize its income.

**Librarian's Report** David reviewed a few items in his report. Peg, as corresponding secretary, will send a thank-you letter to the bank through which an anonymous gift of \$1,000 was given to the library in December. Maria asked that the gift also be noted in the newsletter to make the community aware that such gifts are welcome. The board then decided to issue an appeal letter to raise funds for a specially noted project in the coming year.

**Old Business** none

#### **New Business**

a. downtown public wifi network David reviewed his offer to Bill Finger and Kathleen Ramsey that the new outdoor wifi network of the town be administrated by the library. Bill and Kathleen had accepted this and the board endorsed the service as a very appropriate library service. The board questioned the staffing that would be required and pointed out the necessity of keeping the information of the welcoming website up-to-date.

b. MCTV and IPL Sandra, David A., Chris W. and David C. attended a meeting of the MCTV board December 5, 2011 at which a discussion of the relationship between MCTV and IPL was held. They thought that the issue should be discussed further at an IPL board meeting. Molly Reed, chair of the MCTV board, spoke in favor of a closer relationship between MCTV and the library.

After considerable discussion the board endorsed two concepts:

1) investigating sharing a position of education/outreach person - MCTV has money for 25 hours a week; could IPL contribute at least 5 more hours? Would the town consider providing benefits? This would make getting and keeping a qualified person more likely.

2) investigating a long-term merge of MCTV into the library - The services that MCTV provides have become so important that the town has a definite stake in seeing that they continue. If, as is

expected, the income from Comcast Corporation declines due to declining subscriptions, MCTV services would be provided via the web.

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Peg thought that a step approach would have the best chance of succeeding. Step 1 – open the free wifi program this summer cleanly and on budget; Step 2 – incorporate the shared position, and Step 3 – merge MCTV into IPL.

David said that Chris and Sarah would attend a webinar on digital media labs. Public libraries around the country are recognizing that libraries are places where “content” is not only “consumed” but created. We, in fact, have always been a place where content has been created (think writers and poets) but now we want to enable persons to create in other media – electronic/internet.

Peg wondered if some of these future services could be provided in the new municipal space being discussed?

David said that he is talking with commercial cleaning companies and will decide whether to continue the custodian’s position with a sole staff person or contract out the cleaning.

Dick Thodal of MCTV asked if someone on the IPL board might be interested in serving as a liaison to the MCTV board. David A. volunteered and the board accepted his offer.

**Statistics** Received for the final quarter of 2011 and for the 2011 year. Maria thought that the number of reserves placed by the public for youth materials was low. She will do a personal test.

**Business for the next agenda** update on the wifi, cleaning, and building issues.

The next meeting will be held **Tuesday, February 21, 2012** at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Clark  
Recording secretary