

**EVANSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MONTHLY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
March 17, 2014**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Borwig, Hansen, Johnson, Kettwig, Nichols, Rasanen

Absent: Burkett, Pritchett

Director Jensen was in attendance.

A quorum was present.

**February Minutes:**

Hansen moved and Kettwig seconded to approve the minutes. Ayes – 6. The motion carried.

**Approval of February bills to be paid in March:**

The bills were reviewed. Rasanen moved to pay the bills and Hansen seconded. Ayes – 6. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Johnson gave the Treasurer's report. Hansen questioned the negative line items under Holiday and Vacation pay and Director Jensen explained that the entire budgeted amount goes to Regular Wages and any negative PTO taken will wash the positive balance remaining in the wages line item. Rasanen asked about spending the advertising budget and Director Jensen said she was getting information for pens and notepads again.

**Circulation Report:**

The report was reviewed. It was noted that e-books were up and Director Jensen is spending more time training patrons on how to checkout and download e-books on their Kindles and other electronic devices.

**Old Business:**

- a. Carpet Squares for Program Room: Still in process. No major discussion held.
- b. Youth Department Seating: The order for new seating has been placed. Millbridge came out again to re-measure and verify the structure would not be too big for the space.
- c. Letterhead: Nichols presented six more letterhead designs. Each board member voted for their favorite two. The letterhead with the most votes was chosen as the new official design.

**New Business:**

- a. Summer Reading Program Letters: Hansen moved and Borwig seconded to approve letters being sent out to local businesses to solicit donations and prizes for the summer reading program. Ayes – 6. The motion carried.
- b. Food for Fines: Nichols moved and Borwig seconded to approve Food for Fines during the month of April. Patrons will be able to bring in non-perishable food items to credit any outstanding library fines they may have. Ayes – 6. The motion carried.

### **Discussion:**

- Evans Village: After talking with local residents of Evans Village, Johnson brought up the possibility of a mobile library being offered. Director Jensen mentioned that years ago they had this in place, but the manager requested to discontinue the program since many residents were not returning the books. Evans Village at the time no longer wanted the liability or responsibility. The possibility of residents placing individual orders and then being delivered once or twice a month was also discussed. Another suggestion included only offering books the library was already planning to sell. Jensen plans to contact the manager at Evans Village to see if they are interested.
- Mayor Doug Fass and Evansdale citizens John Peverill and Loraine Atkins attended the meeting. Peverill and Atkins expressed deep concerns over the library supporting the EEDC (Evansdale Economic Development Corporation) by selling tickets to their upcoming community play. President Johnson stated that Evansdale is a small community and we must work together in order for our community to thrive and grow. In the past, the library has helped many other organizations that include not only EEDC's community play, but also the Fire Association's Chili Supper, the AMVETS' Blood Drive, the annual City Wide garage sales, and fundraisers for families who have lost loved ones, just to name a few. She said that the library and city hall are this community's core and the perfect place for citizens to get information, ask questions, read the community bulletin board and yes, even buy a ticket for a local function. The mayor brought up how the city also works together and cooperates with the EYSA (Evansdale Youth Sports Association) and allows them to use the city building and resources (lights and heat) without charge.

Director Jensen questioned why Peverill and Atkins were suddenly upset now, since the library has been selling community play tickets for the last eight years. Atkins and Peverill brought up many of their complaints with the EEDC but the board repeatedly reminded them that none of those issues had anything to do with the library. Rasanen stated that she felt it was important in the "spirit of the library" that the library continue to provide information for community events of *all* types. Johnson and Nichols reiterated that they do not want to discriminate against one non-profit group over the other. Hansen questioned whether there was a difference between providing information and selling tickets for a community event. Peverill did not like the idea that his tax dollars were going to pay a librarian to provide services for the EEDC. It was noted that to date, only eight tickets had been sold by the librarians. This sale was in one transaction and took approximately two minutes of the librarian's time to provide this service. The long standing practices of the city and library have been to provide services, resources and information for many community events and groups without charge, penalty or discrimination.

**Adjournment:** The date and time of the next meeting will be April 21, 2014 at 6:00 PM. With no further questions or comments, the meeting was officially adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie Rasanen, Board Secretary