

Library Board Meeting
March 17, 2008

The Carroll Public Library Board of Trustees met in the Mayor's Conference Room. Members present were Blincow, Bogue, Louis, Neu, Schroeder, Setzler, Stence and Hartley. Absent was Siemann. Library director Linda Reida was also present. Also present were Friends of the Library co-chairs Pat Christensen and Mary Lou Eckerman and Library Foundation President Carol Gronstal.

President Blincow called the meeting to order at 5:15. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting was moved by Setzler and seconded by Neu. All voted aye. Approval of the financial report and payment of the bills was moved by Neu and seconded by Stence. All voted aye.

Director's report: The toddler story time has resumed. The program by Adam Schweer on My Space, My Kids was presented. Plans are underway for the summer reading program titled Catch the Reading Bug. Staff member Donna Evans runs the Films After Hours on Friday evenings. In April Linda will present a program to the Clio Roundtable club on rural life during the Depression in Iowa. Staff development: Staff members will participate in various workshops and on-line instruction on early literacy, summer reading programs, space utilization in the library, and library certification. New racks have arrived to hold growing collection of CD's and DVD's.

Old business: Foundation President Carol Gronstal reported the foundation board has met, elected officers, formed by-laws. The foundation board includes a library board representative, the library director, and six at-large members from Carroll County. They will meet quarterly. The next meeting is in April to plan marketing and fundraising.

Director Reida reported the County Supervisors increased the allocation to the libraries in the county by \$8000. The amount will be shared evenly among the libraries.

Search for a new library director: The deadline for application is April 11. Two applications have been received so far.

Louis reported Nick Badding contacted him to review level of interest library board has in property near the Walmart building. No further action.

New business: Friends of the Library co-chair Pat Christensen reported the recent activities: Annual dues received, donations, sale of page pals, and sale of Easter baskets. The annual geranium sale will be May 8. Co-chair Mary Lou Eckerman reported they are looking into organizing a book sale.

Linda reported the downloading of audible books project is on hold. Further study revealed it will only work on Windows based media for home use only. The annual contract for the program is \$2000. Linda has been in contact with Carroll County libraries interested in sharing large print books. Moved by Louis, seconded by Schroeder, all voted aye to implement the share program.

The next meeting will be April 21 in the Mayor's Conference Room.
The meeting was adjourned.