

Chelsea Public Library

Board of Directors

Meeting: July 14, 2008

Present: Colonel John Ritchie, Charles Woodrow, Dana Polk, Earlene Isbell, Paula Baker, and Mike Denton, City Council Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Director Colonel Ritchie.

Minutes were read and approved.

Financial Report: Last year's budget was presented by Dana and each category was reviewed. The budget for last year was \$38,000. We discussed next years budget and with ALA membership dues, increase in internet costs and books, etc.; Dana hopes to increase the budget for next year.

Directors Report: Colonel Ritchie requested the E-mail address of each board member so everyone could be contacted about meetings and any new business. He suggested that some of our board members attend another cities library board meeting to get ideas on how and what we could be doing. Several members said that they would be available to do this. Dana will also get together with Barbara Roberts, our regional Director, to talk over policies.

Old Business: Our circulation was up over last month by 1,400. We had 108 children register for our summer reading program with an average of 35-40 children actually participating at each meeting. The total books read were 890! A party was planned for the last meeting with prizes and treats for each child, and McWane presented a show on Bugs. Our summer program was a great success thanks to Dana. A discussion of ways to advertise the summer reading program for next year was tabled.

New Business: McWane Senior Service Day will be held July 18th. This program is sponsored by grants and Chelsea will host the meeting due to our central location. Mike Denton, our city counsel liaison, was presented. He discussed ways in which the city counsel could be helpful to the board. All ideas and suggestions should be brought to Dana's attention first. Mike will prepare a written transcript of the next city council's meeting and present it to the board. This will help keep us informed. We also

discussed the need for developing our library policies for certain situations. With these in place it will help Dana with any problems that may arise. The Total Library Conference will be held in Montgomery next month—August 4th, 5th, and 6th. Dana will be attending each session. It is free to all who would like to attend. Next meeting was set for August 11th @ 10:00 a.m.

Motion to Adjourn—Colonel Ritchie—seconded by Charles Woodrow, passed unanimously. Adjourned @ 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Paula Baker, Secretary.

Paula Baker