

EVANSDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 6, 1976

PRESENT: Mrs. Goings, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Deitrick, Mrs. Dalen

ABSENT: Mrs. Lederman, Rev. Canion, Mrs. Fagerlind, Mrs. Gleason

The meeting was called to order by President Goings. Minutes of the December meeting were distributed and approved as written.

Discussion was held on the Free Movies for Children each Saturday afternoon from 2 to 3. The new projector overheats mid-way into the movie and we have had to borrow the machine from the Waterloo office. The projector has been sent to Mason City for repair work.

Bernice Green, Assistant Librarian has volunteered to help each Saturday afternoon with the movies and to check out books to the youngsters following the movies. Mrs. Deitrick will work in her place for the next two Saturdays as Mrs. Green will be out of town. Mrs. Dalen will continue to work on the publicity in the newspapers and on local radio stations.

Mrs. Zeta Earle, City Clerk, has informed the president that they will be needing the Library's Proposed Budget sometime during the first part of February. Discussion on the budget followed. It is hoped that we can obtain more money and be open more hours during the coming year. The possibility of being open 3 full days a week was discussed.

Mrs. Goings thanked Mrs. Thompson for obtaining the Poinsetta plants for the librarians for Christmas gifts.

Mrs. Meany will complete the yearly report to the Northeast Iowa Regional Library Association. Mrs. Goings will help her when further information is needed.

The possibility of meeting sometime during a morning to work on the budget figures was discussed.

Elk Run City Council has not replied to our visit requesting they contract with us for library service. It was suggested that a contract and letter be mailed to them about this. They must make some decision by July 1977 to establish their own library or contract with another in the area.

Motion by Mrs. Thompson, second by Mrs. Dalen that when money is available a 15 drawer file be purchased. Motion carried.

Mrs. Meany reported a total of 157 books checked out in December and 15 new cards issued.

Nancy Dalen, Secretary

NOTE: There was no Feb. 1976 meeting

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March 9, 1976

PRESENT: Mrs. Gleason, Mrs. Lederman, Mrs. Goings, Mrs. Deitrick, Mrs. Thompson
Mrs. Dalen

ABSENT: Mrs. Fagerlind, Mev. Canion

The meeting was called to order by President Goings. Minutes of the January meeting were distributed and approved as written.

Copies of the finalized Library Request which was submitted to the City Council for the coming fiscal year were distributed and discussed. The total budget figure requested was ~~\$5650.00~~. The city Council voted \$2500 to the Library.

Mrs. Lederman reported that we still have \$1100.00 coming from the City during this fiscal year. Under the new budget the audio visual expenses of \$500 will be dropped and new books purchased reduced to \$100 per month.

Mrs. Goings reported that she had attended a County Tax meeting in February.

Mrs. Goings asked that the members consider a change in the hours that the library is open each week. Possibly more hours per day and fewer days per week. This will be discussed at our April meeting.

Librarian Mrs. Meany reported a total of 181 books checked out in January and 285 books checked out in February.

Mrs. Lederman reported a balance of \$2680.78 in the treasury at present.

Movies have been arranged for Saturday afternoons through May 15th by Mrs. Lederman. Mrs. Nancy Dalen reported good news coverage had been received in the Courier, Sun and over the public service broadcasts of KWWL and KXEL radio.

Members were encouraged to enlist more county borrowers - people who live in rural areas - to obtain Evansdale Library cards. At present we have only 3. Mrs. Thompson is a member of Farm Bureau and was encouraged to speak of more borrowers to members of this group.

Elk Run City Council has not replied to the visit that was made to a City Council meeting requesting they set up a contract with the Evansdale Library for use starting July 1977 or set up a library of their own. Mrs. Goings will check with the regional office for some type of sample contract.

Extensive discussion was held on vandalism that had taken place in the library. Mrs. Meany reported the matter to Mrs. Goings and also to the Police Chief. A rod had been pulled from one of the card files - this was later found bent behind some book shelves. Obscene words were written all over a poster. There had been a meeting in the library the evening before. The Police Chief reported that the person(s) doing the damage could not be found. The possibility of discussing this problem with the Mayor was considered.

Books of special interest to Library Trustees have been received and members were urged to read them.

Motion by Darlene Thompson, second by Virgie Gleason to adjourn. Motion carried.

Nancy Dalen, Secretary