Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library District
Minutes of the February 27, 2012 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library District was called to order by board president Barbara Brust at 7:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were trustees Ken Crawford, Judith Pokorny, Kathryn Tamms, and Linda Wallace. Also present were library director Carol Schrey, and librarian Heather Venetucci-Johnson.

Changes/Corrections to the Agenda: None

Questions/Comments: None

Trustee Dreher arrived at 7:32 p.m.; trustee Sarro arrived at 7:35 p.m.


Director’s Report: When the current catalog vendor SirsiDynix contract expires in July, PrairieCat will switch to Innovative, a vendor that will improve functionality, offer more features and enhance catalog searching for patrons. Ella Johnson circulation and patron count continues to grow, but the loss of libraries from the PrairieCat system is anticipated to result in a 10-15% increase in the cost of membership for FY2012. The OMNI Downloadable Consortia voted at its February meeting to increase to four the number of items a patron may have checked out at one time. Discussion continues on how libraries can best handle collection development in this rapid-growth area. The library will receive $17,094.06 in per capita funding for FY2012, which is $1300 less than
last year’s grant due to a slight decrease in population served according to the 2010 census report. Staff members Heaether Venetucci-Johnson and Kelly Sheahan will submit a grant proposal in March for Illinois Historic Records preservation. The new Illinois E-Pay system is ready to be put into use, which will facilitate online payment of library fees and fines.

President’s Report: None


Trustee Dreher was appointed Ethics Advisor; director Schrey will contact library patrons to find three willing to serve as members of Ethics Commission.

Director Schrey will explore possible contacts of closer/more easily available legal counsel as the building program moves forward.

Motion Pokorny, sec. Wallace to enter executive session at 8:47 p.m.

**Executive Session:** *5ILCS 120/2(c)(5): Purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body.*

The board returned to the regular meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Action with respect to Executive Session: None

Open Discussion: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. by president Barbara Brust.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Tamms, Secretary