Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library District
Minutes of the January 23, 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 7:29 p.m. Present at the meeting were trustees Ken Crawford, Lori Dreher, Judith Pokorny, Luann Sarro, Kathryn Tamms, and Linda Wallace. Also present were library director Carol Schrey, librarian Heaether Venetucci-Johnson, and financial consultants Maureen Barry and Steve Larson of Ehlers and Associates.

Changes/Corrections to the Agenda: None

Questions/Comments: Guest speaker Steve Larson of Ehlers & Associates provided a one-hour presentation on Illinois library construction grants, bond sales and other requirements for moving ahead with a preliminary building plan.


Director’s Report: The new HVAC unit has been installed, and ongoing problems with the men’s room toilet have been fixed for the time being. The new AV shelving was installed Jan. 5, and a plaque will be ordered and displayed to acknowledge the monetary gift from the Liebman trust, which made the purchase possible. Six Joliet-area libraries will be leaving PrairieCat at the end of June, leaving the system with 40% fewer resources and 25 fewer libraries. Director Schrey will continue to update us on her work with the PrairieCat sustainability committee as it explores possible solutions to financial and service-related issues these changes may cause. E-Book use experienced a post-holiday surge, and use of the OMNI Overdrive system remains high. Director Schrey anticipates having more content available in the next month, despite increased restrictions on publisher sale of digital media to libraries. A library staff meeting will be held on Feb. 7 to go over the completed employee manual. Circulation clerk Scott Grotto joined the library staff on Jan. 10. He will be working 12-15 hours per week.

President’s Report: None


Motion Wallace, sec. Pokorny to approve destruction of tapes from executive sessions 5/24/10 and 6/28/10. Ayes carry motion.

Executive Session: None

Open Discussion: None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 p.m. by president Barbara Brust.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Tamms, Secretary