

**KENOSHA COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Southwest Library, Kenosha, Wisconsin
August 1, 2005**

• Meeting Minutes •

The meeting was called to order by Noel Sheer, President, at 5:40 p.m.

Present:	Sharon Acerbi, Shirley Boening, Pat Johnson, Jane Prince, Noel Sheer
Absent:	Louise Gagliano, Ron Johnson
Administration:	Douglas Baker, Director
Also Present:	Mary Ellen Close Lin Swartz-Truesdell Kathy Cole

Minutes of the June 13, 2005 Board Meeting

Sharon moved, seconded by Shirley, to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2005 Board meeting. Carried unanimously.

June 30, 2005 Financial Statement

Sharon moved, seconded by Pat, to accept and file the June 30, 2005 Financial Statement. Carried unanimously.

2006 Budget and Legislative Issues

Doug stated that the local municipalities total tax levy cannot exceed 2% over the previous year, or the value of new construction if it is more than 2%. Because the county will not be issuing the report on new construction until the middle of August, it is impossible at this point to prepare a budget proposal for 2006. He suggested that a meeting be scheduled for the end of August, when all data is available.

Long Range Planning

Doug stated that if for budgetary reasons, a consulting firm cannot be hired to conduct a community survey, a customer survey could be conducted in-house, by polling customers as they walk through the door using questions compiled by academicians. A major component of the long range planning process would be to determine the minimum standards for a public library. Additional discussion on the long range planning strategy will be on the agenda for a later meeting, when we have a clearer idea on the budget status.

Library Reports

None.

Other Business as Authorized by Law

The next meeting was scheduled for August 30 at 5:00 p.m. at the Southwest Library in Kenosha. Noel declared the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Potente, Secretary