

**Cloquet Public Library Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 30, 2015**

Members Present: Alice Holm, Dave Johanson, Rex Laaksonen, Cathy Rikkola, Barb Ross, Gerard Sordelet  
Member absent: Marla Ahlgren  
Also Present: Mary Lukkarila, Library Director; Kerry Kolodge, City Council liaison

**I.** President Cathy Rikkola called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

**II. Approval of minutes**

Gerard Sordelet moved, Alice Holm seconded, and board members unanimously approved the minutes of the May 26, 2015 meeting as submitted.

**III. Approval of bills**

Dave Johanson moved, Barb Ross seconded, and by a roll call vote members unanimously approved payment of bills totaling \$10,750.44 for June.

**IV. Committee reports**

The budget and personnel committees met prior to the board meeting.

**V. New/Unfinished Business**

- Mary reported that the minimum wage is going to \$9 an hour as of August 1. Mary said that other city employees got a 3.5 percent raise and if we gave the 13-hour employees a 3.5 per cent raise, that would bring all the employees to \$9.31 an hour.

Barb Ross moved, Dave Johanson seconded, and board voted unanimously to give the 13-hour employees a 3.5 percent raise in addition to the higher minimum wage, which would bring them to \$9.31 an hour on August 1.

- Budget. Mary reported she has finalized the proposed budget for 2016. She said people have asked about opening the library on Wednesday nights again, and we could do that if part-timer Brenda Fryc went to full time. The library has been understaffed since the budget was cut several years ago. We are still short a library clerk position, but Mary wants to do a staffing study before we add that position again.

After much discussion, Gerard Sordelet moved, Alice Holm seconded, and board agreed to recommend the revised proposed budget to the City Council, which includes an increase for Brenda Fryc be moved to full time.

**VI. Librarian's report**

- The Craft Fair held at the library went very well, and \$900 was raised for the Foundation.
- Mary reported that *All the Aprils of the World*, a play written by our children's librarian, Lisbeth Boutang, will be performed at the County Seat Theater July 31-Aug. 2, directed by Joel Soukkala.
- Mary will attend the Minnesota Library Association Legislative Committee meeting in St. Cloud July 8.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, July 28, at 4:15 p.m.

There being no further business, Cathy adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Barb Ross  
Secretary