

January 19, 2016

The Marion Public Library Board of Trustees met Tuesday, January 19th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Israel Conference Room. Present were Dr. Case, Mr. Cline, Ms. Sumpter, Mr. Holderead, Mr. Ott, Mrs. Enyeart and Mrs. Cline. Mrs. Eckerle and Ms. Riddle were also present.

Dr. Case called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

By consensus, the minutes of the December 15th meeting was unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2,011,422.65 in all funds as of December 31, 2015.

On motion of Mr. Cline, seconded by Ms. Sumpter, the Treasurer's Report was approved and payment of the docket was unanimously authorized.

New Business:

Travel, meeting attendance: none to report for this month.

Policy Review: Collection Development Policy. Staff had made changes and Mike Cline suggested a change on the Review form. On motion of Mr. Ott, seconded by Mr. Cline, the revised Collection Policy was unanimously approved by the Board.

Finance information:

COIT payment notification: 2016: \$30,011.67. 2015: 29,690.88

History Made Here project: 1) Work is continuing toward the installation of the gas boom exhibit; 2) The Moorehead Family Fund and Star Financial Corporate Giving declined the library's grant applications; and 3) Cathy Shouse will do a story on this project to be published in the January 17 *Chronicle-Tribune*.

Director's Report: The following report was approved by consensus of the Board:

Materials and Services: Statistics will be presented at the meeting.

Staff: No changes this month.

Property: 1) The Children's courtyard playhouse sustained minor damage due to some vandalism on Christmas night. The police arrested the vandal after they received a call from – the vandal. They suspect she may have done the damage and then made the call in order to get out of the cold weather; and 2) The Library staff continues to monitor any pest problems and develop policies that deal with situations. Staff members in Circulation and the Children's Department are making every effort to check materials thoroughly when they are returned and are extremely careful when checking out materials.

Children's/Youth Services: 1) Storytimes have resumed and numbers are good; 2) As always, the Children's staffers who attended the Mock Caldecott award program had great fun but picked the wrong book for the Caldecott award. The award was announced on Monday, January 11th and is *Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear*, illustrated by Sophie Blackall and written by Lindsay Mattick; 3) National Soup Day is Wednesday, January 20th. Families can stop in for hot soup and cool books; 4) Martin Luther King's birthday will be celebrated on January 18th with a storytime. There is also an interactive display in the Children's room which invites children to write down their dream and add it to the display; and 5) National Puzzle Day is celebrated on January 29th and families can help put together a puzzle and enter to win one.

Museum Services: 1) AARP training has begun. The Tax Assistance program will run from February 9th to April 15th; and 2) Visitors to the Museum during December totaled 158.

Reference Services/Adult Programming: 1) First Saturday movie attracted 45 patrons; 2) There were two coloring sessions in January and they continue to be popular; 3) *Invention of Wings* was the book discussed on January 13th and the Barb Wilson book group will discuss *All the Light you Cannot See* in February; 4) Tax season is here and Indiana tax booklets and forms are available; 5) The Knitting group and Fiber Arts Guild had 341 participants in 2015 compared to 235 in 2014; and 6) The Reference Department will send copies of the *Chronicle-Tribune* to the Indiana State Micrographics Lab since the *Chronicle-Tribune* is no longer championing this effort. Microfilm continues to be extremely popular with genealogists.

Teen Programming: 1) The OTAKUS group meets on January 22nd; 2) January 15th is Trivia Night at the MPL; and 3) Summer reading programming is in the works.

Indiana Room: 1) The DAR is taking a break from the monthly research help. They will come in if anyone wants to meet with them. The past few months have not been busy. They may set up quarterly sessions in the future.

Circulation: 1) People living in the City of Marion may pick up recycling bags at the Circulation Desk when bags become available again. This program has kept the front desk people very busy but it's a great community service.

Technical Services/System Administrator: Karen Blinn has been researching the proposed State Remote Circulation System. A handout is attached.

Marketing: 1) Sue Bratton and June Felton were on WBAT on January 7th to discuss the new Museum project; 2) The Chronicle-Tribune had an article in the Indiana State Park Day Pass program at libraries throughout the State including the Marion Public Library; and 3) Mary Eckerle will be on Alan Miller's television show to discuss the Museum project and the Bicentennial.

Thinking Money Exhibit: The Library is partnering with the Purdue Extension, Junior Achievement, Taylor University (Scott Adams), Via and Athena Credit Unions and Affordable Housing on this grant request. A Financial survey was distributed via eblast and at public desks. This was done in order to establish a need for financial literacy in the community. The grant application is due January 29th.

Carey Services: Carey Services contacted the Library about two possibilities. First, they would like for adult clients to attend Library programs. Also, they have adult clients who would be interested in volunteering at the Library for as few as three hours a week up to 20 hours. The Library staff is working out details for this Carey partnership.

Community Involvement: 1) The Indiana Heart Gallery is now featured on the main floor of the Library; 2) Marion Community Schools has student artwork on display in the Reference/Non-fiction area; 3) Liz Wright is the new director of the Senior Center. A Senior Calendar will be published in the C-T every month and the Library's events for seniors/adults will be listed on it; 4) The Library has donated weeded large print books to the Veteran's Hospital and they were excited and thankful; and 5) Mary Eckerle will speak at Christland Methodist Church on January 16th about the Bicentennial and the Museum's Legacy project.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 16th at 6:00 p.m.

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