

September 15, 2015

The Marion Public Library Board of Trustees met Tuesday, September 15th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Israel Conference Room. Present were Mr. Cline, Mrs. Enyeart, Ms. Sumpter, Mr. Holderead, Mr. Ott and Mrs. Cline. Mrs. Eckerle and Ms. Riddle were also present. Dr. Case was absent.

Mr. Cline called the Public Hearing meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The first item of business was the **Public Hearing** on the 2016 budget. Mr. James Hollingsworth was in attendance. He wanted clarification on the Library non-resident fee and wondered why it was so high. He also voiced concerns that the Library was overstaffed. Mr. Cline thanked him for coming. The meeting was then adjourned.

Mr. Cline called the regular meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

By consensus, the minutes of the August 18th meeting was unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1,854,733.71 in all funds as of August 30, 2015.

On motion of Ms. Sumpter, seconded by Mrs. Enyeart, the Treasurer's Report from August was approved and payment of the docket was unanimously authorized.

New Business:

Travel, meeting attendance: On motion of Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Ott, attendance, travel, and related expenses were unanimously approved for the following meetings: 1) Indiana Library Federation Annual Convention, Indianapolis, November 17th, 18th, Karen Blinn, Tylanna Jones, Mary Eckerle, possibly two more staff members, mileage, registration.

2016 Budget: The Grant County Council will give its non-binding review of the Library budget on September 16th.

Bank information: Information and proposals from three financial institutions was sent to the Board members. On motion of Mr. Holderead, seconded by Mrs. Cline, the Board unanimously voted to switch funds currently at Regions Bank to Star Bank.

History Made Here: The Museum project is scheduled for the first part of 2016. Staff members are planning for the renovation of the Museum and will keep the Board posted of the timeline and the plan of attack.

Public Hearing Follow-up: Mr. Ott requested that Mrs. Eckerle do a comparison study of staff size in libraries that serve populations comparable to Marion.

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

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

Staff: Dale Hewitt retired after 29 years of service to the Library. Prior to working at MPL, he retired from the VA.

Property: 1) The clerestory area is scheduled to be painted within two weeks; 2) Work continues on the parking lot; 3) Another PTAC unit was installed in the Indiana Room. One more unit is yet to be installed; and 4) Mary Eckerle and Roger Marx will meet with Havel Brothers to sketch out a plan for the future of the heating and cooling systems. Since the building has aged, so has the equipment and the hope is to draw up an affordable plan of replacement.

Children's/Youth Services: 1) Storytimes have resumed. There are four options each week. The new storytime, *Elementary! Tales* for ages 5-10 is geared primarily for homeschoolers and will feature longer stories, music, and creative activities; 2) *Read to the Dogs* resumed on September 8th. The dogs will visit monthly for the rest of the school year; and 3) The Library will celebrate *Talk Like a Pirate Day!* on Friday, September 18th.

Museum Services: 1) June Felton and Sue Bratton viewed the Museum's Foster Forbes exhibit at Minnetrista in Muncie. They were very impressed with the way the artifacts were displayed and it gave them ideas of how to do future displays.

Reference Services/Adult Programming: 1) 60 patrons attended the 1st Saturday movie on September 5th; 2) Librarians are previewing some possible database additions including *Novelist Plus*, *MyHeritage* and *Rosetta Stone*; 3) The Barb Wilson Book Discussion group discussed *Blue Waters* in September and the October selection is *The Rosie Project*; 4) Clare's Crafts has resumed for fall; and 5) Crochet class at the Jay House began September 10th. The class is taught by volunteer Gail Hedlund.

Teen Programming: 1) Otakus continues to meet monthly; and b) Programming will ramp up when Mrs. Gioe returns from maternity leave.

System Administrator: 1) Acquisitions staff trained on a new book acquisition system which Baker & Taylor rolled out this month.

Indiana Room: 1) The Indiana Room has been receiving many more requests since the new web page was launched, and 2) Mrs. Stoffer will speak to the Wabash County Genealogy Society in November.

Network Manager: 1) The ADA station in the Computer Center has been updated with a new adjustable table.

Marketing: 1) Sue Bratton and Karen Blinn were on WBAT on September 3rd.

National Library Card Sign-up Month: During the month of September, a team at the Library is working on the following initiatives to get more borrowers: 1) Challenged the Marion Public Library in Iowa to see who can get more new card holders during September; b) Visiting local business owners to celebrate people who can present a library card; and 3) Putting author quotes on Facebook about what their library card means to them.

Manufacturing Day: Manufacturing Day is Friday, October 2nd. There will be 24 exhibitors. The exhibit opens on October 1st. The Breakfast Before Hours is October 2nd. The exhibit closes on October 31st.

Statewide Read: The Statewide Read was cancelled.

Novel Conversations Grant: Indiana Humanities offers a grant through the Glick Foundation to pay for an author to visit the Marion Public Library. MPL applied for this grant and submitted the application in early September. The first choice is Laura Bates, 2nd choice is Skila Brown. Both authors live in Indiana. Notification should happen by month end.

95 Acts of Kindness: 12 IWU students volunteered at the Library on September 4th. They painted curbs around the building and thoroughly cleaned the stacks on the inside. It was great to have their help and, hopefully, all of them will become patrons of the Library.

S.O.S: 1) The Library, SOS, Main Street and First United Methodist Church are partnering to host Gallery 624, a pop-up art gallery on September 11th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Church. Fifteen artists will display work. In addition, there will be tours, music and food.

Community Involvement: 1) The Library participated in the Bend of the River's "Bikes and Books" festival at Curfman Gardens on August 22nd, and 2) The Library participated in the Training Center's festival on August 29th.

Appreciations: 1) Tony Maidenberg called and commented favorably on the new Library webpage; b) Indiana Wesleyan students wrote to thank the Library for allowing them a volunteer opportunity.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 20th at 6:00 p.m. At this time, the Board will adopt the 2016 budget.

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