

March 21, 2017

The Marion Public Library Board of Trustees met Tuesday, March 21st, at 6:00 p.m. in the Israel Conference Room. Present were Mrs. Enyeart, Mr. Cline, Mr. Ott, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Breen and Ms. Sumpter. Mrs. Eckerle and Ms. Riddle were also present. Dr. Case was absent. Sue Bratton and Tylanna Jones, Library staff, were present at the beginning of the meeting.

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

Tylanna Jones, Children's Librarian, and Sue Bratton, Special Projects Coordinator, reported on the *Discover Earth* exhibit and STEM learning at the Library. This was a very successful exhibit complete with programs for children, adults and families. In addition, school groups and the public enjoyed the exhibits. MPL has applied for another STEM related grant entitled *NASA @ Your Library*.

On motion of Mr. Breen, seconded by Ms. Sumpter, the minutes of the February 21st meeting was unanimously approved.

On motion of Mrs. Enyeart, seconded by Mr. Breen, the Treasurer's report and payment of the docket was unanimously accepted and payment authorized. The register of claims is made a part of these minutes.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1,930,236.04 in all funds as of February 28, 2017.

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) April 5th, Ivy Tech, Prevent Child Abuse Workshop and Luncheon, Tylanna Jones, Kristen Gioe, Mary Eckerle, Sharon Vodraska and Jessica Robbins; 2) April 7th & 8th, Indianapolis, Indiana Genealogical Society seminar and annual meeting, Rhonda Stoffer; and 3) October 7, 2017, Fort Wayne Genealogical Society of Indiana presents "Day with Cece Moore", Emily Morris, Betty Reynolds, Debbie Ruth.

Financial information: Mary Eckerle had asked the Indiana State Library about the legality of keeping bank accounts at more than one bank. Indiana Code states:

IC 5-13-8-9(f) –

- (f) The investing officer shall maintain the deposits as follows:
 - (1) In one (1) or more depositories designated for the political subdivision, if the sum of the monthly average balances of all the transaction accounts for the political subdivision does not exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).
 - (2) In each depository designated for the political subdivision, if subdivision (1) does not apply and fewer than three (3) financial institutions are designated by the local board of finance as a depository.
 - (3) In at least two (2) depositories designated for the political subdivision, if subdivision (1) does not apply and at least three (3) financial institutions are designated by the local board of finance as a depository.

As added by P.L.19-1987, SEC.10. Amended by P.L.44-1990, SEC.4; P.L.2-1993, SEC.48; P.L.75-1995, SEC.1; P.L.74-1995, SEC.4; P.L.18-1996, SEC.10; P.L.46-1997, SEC.8; P.L.173-2003, SEC.1.

Mrs. Eckerle will seek clarification of the Code.

History Made Here: The exhibit continues to receive good reviews. 75 third grade classes from Riverview toured the exhibit one busy Friday morning. One parent said it was the best visit she had had to the museum. The Convention & Visitors Bureau has arranged to have photo stand-ins made for it.

Rolling Bean collaboration with Carey Services: The Rolling Bean will have a “soft opening” on Saturday, April 8th at the annual Friends Book Sale. The Bean will officially open for business on Monday, April 10th which is the beginning of National Library Week. The scheduled days and hours for now are Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Brain Kitchen: The Brain Kitchen is in its second month. They are meeting every other week on Wednesdays and Fridays. They will expand this when they find additional volunteers.

Grant County Historical Society Board appointment: The Library Board annually appoints a member to the Grant County Historical Society Board. Jonie Riddle is presently the appointee and wishes to continue. By Board consensus, Ms. Riddle will continue as the board appointee.

Summer Reading program: The Children’s Department is currently planning the Summer Reading Program and will use the Webster Gift Fund as needed for performers, supplies, prizes and other materials.

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

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

Staff: There weren’t any staff changes this past month.

Neighborhood: This past Tuesday, some of the department heads were able to meet the new Rescue Mission Director, Rick Berberia, and tour two floors of the Mission. They have made some positive changes. There was a segment of WTHR that evening: <http://www.wthr.com/article/troubled-charity-reveals-transformation-with-new-look-new-direction>.

Property report: 1) Mr. Marx has cleaned up the basement of the Jay House and has made it usable as an emergency shelter during bad weather; 2) Staff and public will have tornado drills during March; and 3) Elevator repair specifications have been prepared and will be sent out the week of March 20th.

Copier/Printer issues: Jonie Riddle and Mary Eckerle met with Jenny Young from TLC about interpreting printer and copier contracts. On March 15th, they contacted Van Ausdall to terminate the current printer contract. As the current copier contract gets closer to expiration, the Library will prepare an RFP to bid out the copier contract.

Children’s/Youth Services: 1) This past month, the Children’s Department celebrated Dr. Seuss’s birthday with crafts and National Honor Society students reading to the children; 2) The Ukulele Club has begun with steady attendance; and 3) Activities will be offered for children during spring break including crafts, Sensory Science, and a movie.

Indiana History & Genealogy: 1) Wilma Stirnitzke donated 22 boxes of genealogy research to the Indiana Room. Mrs. Stoffer is sorting through the information which includes a great collection of WWII letters from Stirnitzke’s brother who was killed in action; and 2) Mrs. Stoffer will attend the Indiana Genealogical Society’s annual seminar and conference on April 7th and 8th. At the annual meeting on April 8th, she will be installed as the president of IGS.

Museum Services: 1) AARP Tax Assistance has gone well this year. Rich Hagy, the AARP coordinator, worked closely with Museum and Library staff to adjust hours and registration so that the process ran smoothly for all; and 2) Mrs. Felton, Ms. Bratton and Mrs. Eckerle will interview a potential summer intern from Taylor University for the Museum on March 22nd.

Reference Services/Adult Programming: 1) 45 patrons attended the first Saturday showing of *Trolls*; 2) The *Crafting with Clare* class and Sara Pohlman's painting workshops are still very popular; 3) *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson is the April book discussion pick for the Barb Wilson discussion group. Some of the group's members will travel to IWU for the performance of *Into the Woods*; 4) Tax season has been going well. Thus far, the Reference librarians have been able to meet patrons' needs; and 5) The Fiber Arts Guild and Knitting groups are both well attended with 35 more people attending than this time last year.

Teen Programming: 1) A Teen game day was held in February; 2) A Teen movie, *Dr. Strange*, will be shown during spring break; and 3) Planning is underway for the Teen summer reading program.

Circulation: 1) Mrs. Morgan is removing all of the old CD-ROMs from the collection. These items have old edutainment value and computers don't support them anymore. She has not been able to add anything new to the collection for a while so it's stagnant and she needs the space for newer, up-to-date materials.

Network Manager: 1) The Wireless improvement has made a difference in speed and there have been several positive comments from patrons about this.

Systems Administrator: Mrs. Hiemstra is adding updated records to the circulation system. Thus far, she has done around 10,000. It is labor intensive but, in the end, it cleans up entries to make searching easier.

Marketing: 1) Brooke Eber, Wendy Puffer and Mary Eckerle were on WBAT on March 2nd to discuss the Brain Kitchen; 2) A staff committee is looking into ramping up the Library's Face Book presence. This group will meet with Danielle Towne, marketing director for the Grant County Growth Council, who has been using FB analytics for a while.

STEM grant/exhibit: 1) The STEM exhibit *Discover Earth* was disassembled this past week and is now headed to North Dakota. 2) February programs included Dr. Jerry Sweeten talking about Manchester University's initiative to clean up the Eel River watershed. The Eel River was once a premier fishing stream. Through the years it became so polluted that it landed on an EPA watch list. With Dr. Sweeten's guidance, Manchester University received grants to remediate the situation; 3) Third graders from Riverview visited the exhibit; 4) A representative from Indiana & Michigan was here on March 1st to talk about solar farms including the one built in Marion; and 5) The Dome, a travelling planetarium was at the library on Saturday, March 11th. Attendance was very good.

Friends of the Marion Public Library and Museum: The annual Book Sale will be held on Friday, April 7th through Sunday, April 9th. Plans are underway for the Friends Annual Meeting to be held on Monday, May 8th.

National Library Week: This year, National Library Week is April 9th through the 15th. The theme is *Libraries Transform*.

SOS: SOS collaborated with The Quilters Hall of Fame on an event held on February 22nd, *Celebrating the Birth of George Washington & the Rebirth of Washington Street*. The purpose of the event was to show the community The Quilters' plans for the PCC & St. Louis Depot. The Depot was open so that people had a chance to see it "before." Following that, there were presentations at God's House Ministry about work being done in the community as well as the vision for the Depot. At least 65 people were at God's House and there were more who visited the Depot.

Community Involvement: 1) Carey Services is displaying art work on the 2nd floor as part of Disability Awareness month; 2) St. Paul Catholic School is also displaying student art work on the 2nd floor; and 3) Jess Holland and Mary Eckerle participated in a listening session on the downtown with Indiana Wesleyan students who are students of Wendy Puffer at Marion Design Company.

Appreciations: 1) Miriam Auth, Alexandria IN, sent a note to Indiana History and Genealogy thanking that department for its "excellent service"; 2) Deb Geyer, Quilters Hall of Fame thanked Sue Bratton for all of her work on the Train Depot Open House; 3) A patron passed along to Paul Burritt how grateful she is that

the Library partners with the AARP to offer tax help each year; and 4) Jan Lankenau sent Mary Leffler a note thanking her for assistance at “Crafts for Clare”.

Adjournment/Next meeting: Tuesday, April 18th at 6 p.m.

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