

June 20, 2017

The Marion Public Library Board of Trustees met Tuesday, June 20th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Israel Conference Room. Present were Mrs. Enyeart, Mr. Cline, Mrs. Cline, Dr. Case, Mr. Breen and Ms. Sumpter. Mr. Ott was absent. Mrs. Eckerle and Ms. Riddle were also present. Stephan Dorsey, Assistant Police Chief, and Paul Burritt, Network Manager, were present at the beginnings of the meeting.

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

Stephan Dorsey, Assistant Police Chief, was present at the beginning of the meeting to discuss the new nightclub in the Sinai Temple. Nightclub patrons are using the Library's parking lots during closed hours. Mary Eckerle will check with the Library's Insurance agent about liability and other issues that might arise from this situation.

On motion of Mr. Breen, seconded by Mrs. Cline, the minutes of the May 16th meeting was unanimously approved.

On motion of Mrs. Cline, seconded by Ms. Sumpter, 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 \$1,614,006.11 in all funds as of May 31, 2017.

#### New Business:

Travel, meeting attendance: On motion of Mrs. Enyeart, seconded by Ms. Sumpter, attendance, travel, and related expenses were unanimously approved for the following meetings: 1. May 30th, Matthews & Fairmount, Sue Bratton, Rhonda Stoffer, June Felton and Mary Eckerle visited the museums in these towns as part of a collaboration initiative in Grant County, mileage.

Elevator project: The elevator contract with Oracle is still being negotiated. There have been revisions and will be more of them. Michael Hotz continues to advise on this slow process.

Finance information: 1) The 2017-2018 budget process has begun. The governmental entities will find out the Growth Quotient by July 1st and this will be used in determining next year's budget. The Department of Local Government Finance will use the Library's Conference Room for all budget workshops the week of July 17th. Marion Public Library's hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19th at 9 a.m.; 2) Jonie Riddle and Mary Eckerle attended an Indiana State Library budget workshop that had speakers from the State Board of Accounts, Department of Local Government Finance, and the State Archives; and 3) An issue has arisen in Grant County over TIF money that is owed to Café Valley. Roger Bainbridge, Grant County Auditor, has suggested that, in order to fix this problem, each government entity in Grant County would receive less property tax money in 2017's spring and fall draws. This would amount to the Library being debited \$25,566.20 this month and \$11,244.81 in the fall. Mr. Cline wrote a letter to Roger Bainbridge, the County Auditor, that states that the Board is disappointed in this course of action. On motion of Mr. Breen, seconded by Ms. Sumpter, there was unanimous Board support for this letter. The letter will be a part of these minutes.

Policy information: Computer Use & Internet Policy – one change was made. On motion of Mr. Breen, seconded by Ms. Sumpter, the Board unanimously passed this revised policy.

History Made Here: On Saturday, August 5th, there will be a museum day for children in the museum. There will be hands-on activities at various stations for the kids.

Rolling Bean collaboration with Carey Services: This service has expanded to five days a week. It is great to have RB here during Lunch in the Courtyard Tuesdays at noon.

Brain Kitchen: no report.

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

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

Staff: Sue Israel plans to retire at the end of August but is willing to stay longer if a replacement can't be found. The job is now posted. This position is for 14 1/2 hours per week. Kathy Barnhart retired after eight years in the Children's department as a page. Laura Plummer is the new children's page.

Properties: Summer duties include changing out light fixtures, installing cable for more security cameras, repairing air conditioners in the Jay House, and preparing the Connector Signage Lamppost for installation.

Children's/Youth Services: 1) 403 children have signed up for the summer reading club; 2) Courtyard readers this summer are Kari Persinger (Justice Middle School librarian), Barb Nehring (Social worker at Cornerstone), Mark Storey and Nero, the Therapy Dog Handler, Julie Harmon (Boys & Girls Club), and Kristi Hawkins (Community Partnership Coordinator for Little Giants Preschool); 3) The Family Battle of the Books went well. Eight families participated in the program and three families were at the Battle. Plans are to continue this program next year.

Indiana History & Genealogy: 1) Staff keeps busy with both visitors and virtual requests. During the summer months, many travelers stop by to research genealogy before they explore the cemeteries in the area.

Museum Services: Collen Cramer started as an intern in the museum on June 5th. He is working on digitizing letters from WWI and WWII soldiers as well as other projects involving the Gas Boom exhibit. Collen will be a senior at Taylor in the fall. He was recommended by Dr. Tom Jones, chair of the Department of History, Global and Political Studies.

Reference Services/Adult Programming: 1) Summer reading is going well. 200 people have signed up for the adult reading program; 2) Sarah Pohlman continues to teach Punch & Painting. She has a regular group each month so she is now starting to teach them more advanced techniques. Her students' art is on display in the Reference area; 3) First Saturday movies continue to have good attendance; 4) The Barb Wilson book discussion group has welcomed new members. *The Boys in the Boat* was discussed on June 14th. August 8th's title for discussion is *Endurance* by Alfred Lansing; 5) Staff has had a trial for a legal forms database for the last few weeks. It is *NUWAV Legal Documents*. It will be purchased and will be available remotely as well as in house; and 6) There were ten participants in the recent Basket class.

Teen Programming: Summer reading is going well for teens with over 100 signed up for the Teen program. Teen programming for the summer includes 1) June 9th OTAKUS; 2) June 13th Marble Maze; 3) June 17th Teen Game Day; 4) June 21st movie *Goonies*; 5) Kids and Teen Putt Putt; 6) June 30 Trivia (for all ages); and 7) July 5th Teen movie.

Circulation: 1) The bike lock loan service has proved to be very popular, especially with the neighborhood kids. There are currently two locks and more have been ordered; and 2) Micah Hoeksema has been cross-trained to work in Circulation and will be helping to cover that department as needed. He is a great addition to the Circ team.

Systems Administrator: 1) Technical Services is busy ordering, receiving, cataloging and processing materials this summer; and 2) There is a new collection of video games. Hopefully, the teens will be excited about this addition to the Library.

Marketing: 1) Kristen Gioe, Sheri Sharlow and Tylanna Jones spoke about summer reading on WBAT on June 1st; and 2) The Social Media team has ramped up Facebook posts in order to engage more viewers. Lots of good comments on social media.

Friends of the Marion Public Library and Museum: 1) Linda Wilk and her family will place a new Little Free Library in Barnes Park when it reopens. Marissa Wilk and her father Larry built the library for a 4H project; and 2) Another Little Free Library will be placed inside the lobby of the local Department of Children’s Services. Marion Public Library received a grant for this from TCC (Moorehead Communications). This grant was written by Chaslyn Sheppard who interned at DCS this spring.

SOS: 1) In honor of Historic Preservation Month (May), SOS celebrated outstanding examples of local historic preservation on May 25th. Structures awarded included Midwest Coffee Roasters, the home of Tim and Debbie Enyeart, and the Jay House. Each owner received an engraved slate from the original Jay House Roof; and 2) The annual summer event this year was a tour of historic downtown sanctuaries on Saturday, June 10th. The sanctuaries on the tour were Gethsemane Episcopal, First United Methodist Church, and God’s House. There were 44 attending the tour with lots of interest and discussion.

Community Involvement: 1) Sue Bratton spoke about the Gas Boom and Van Buren’s history to the Van Buren Lions Club on May 16th; 2) Mary Eckerle hosted a meeting with Grant County librarians on Wednesday, June 14th; and 3) Indiana Fallen Officer Blood Drive will be held at the Library on Friday, June 23rd from 12 noon to 5:30 p.m.

Appreciations: 1) “Thank you for your generous gifts of assorted family histories. They are a welcome addition to our collection of family and local History materials and I am sure they will be of great use to the hundreds of researchers who use the facilities of the Genealogy Center each week. It is through the generosity of individuals such as yourself that our department is able to maintain its margin of excellence. I deeply appreciate your interest in our collections.” Curt B. Witcher, Manager, The Genealogy Center, Allen County Public Library; 2) “To the lady in the Reference dept. who took the time to find my needed article – the wedding announcement – dated 7-24-05. What a surprise when I opened the mail – such a blessing. Thanks again.” Nancy Austin; 3) A thank you note to staff from Rich Hagy, AARP Tax Aide Program Local Coordinator for the smoothly run tax season; and 4) A thank you note from a long distance patron to Debbie Ruth in the Indiana Room thanking Debbie for helping find two sisters that the woman didn’t know she had.

Adjournment/Next meeting: Tuesday, July 18th at 6 p.m. This meeting will take place at the Jay House.

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