

April 19, 2016

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

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

On motion of Mrs. Enyeart, seconded by Mr. Ott, the minutes of the March 15th meeting was unanimously approved.

On motion of Mr. Cline, seconded by Mr. Holderead, 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 \$1,705,574.54 in all funds as of March 31, 2016.

New Business:

Travel, meeting attendance: On motion of Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Enyeart, attendance, travel, and related expenses were unanimously approved for the following meetings: 1) May 23rd-25th, Indianapolis, COSUGI meeting, Karen Blinn; and 2) June 8th, Fort Wayne, Day with John Philip Colletta, genealogy lecturer, Emily Morris.

Finance information: 1) It is now possible to accept the American Express card as one of the credit cards to be used for paying fines and fees; 2) Four Early Literacy computers were purchased for the Children's Department at a cost of \$11,000 (early bird pricing). These computers are popular with the young children; and 3) The Marion Public Library should receive an allocation as part of SEA Road funding from the State Legislature in the amount of \$135,600.

Policy information: There have been some updates to Library Card law. A Legal Memo from the Indiana State Library was discussed. The memo described changes to non-resident card eligibility and to student cards. No action was taken.

Erate funding: Mary Eckerle provided information on Erate funding for this next year. It is hoped that the Wireless access project can proceed as quickly as possible but reimbursement won't occur until funding is approved. Mrs. Eckerle is working with AdTec and Chester to see how this can happen.

Regions Bank: The Library no longer has any accounts or a safety deposit box at Regions. Regions is closing their downtown branch and services after May 13th will be at the Kem Road branch.

History Made Here project: Work is continuing toward the installation of the Gas Boom exhibit. The first floor lighting replacement has been completed as has paint-scraping. Painting should happen soon. The opening reception has been delayed due to the uncertainty of the completion.

From Paula Schulz, Grant County Convention & Visitors Bureau: "The CVB is interested in placing logo signs at the I-69 Marion exit for some local attractions in an effort to help drive tourist traffic to those spots. We think that the MPL Museum/History Made Here could benefit from such signage. We would like to ask for your approval of our underwriting a logo sign along exit 264, and directional ramp signs as well. We would like to place signs both Northbound and Southbound along I-69. I am in discussions with INDOT and Indiana Logo Group about the costs and other particulars. If we have your permission to underwrite the costs of the signs, I would welcome your thoughts about the logo design. A 2 color logo sign would be the most cost effective, and probably the most visible to drivers. The signs would be attached to the large blue signs that you see prior to an exit."

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

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

Staff: 1) Alice Walker has resigned her Adult Page position effective April 8th. She is also a page in the Children's Department and will remain there until the end of July. Over 40 applications came in for this 10 hour a week position. Micah Hoeksema, a junior at Marion High School, who has been volunteering on Sundays in the Computer center, has been hired for this position.

Property: 1) Security camera update. 6 new cameras are being added to the Library and Museum. Cost permitting, others will be added later this year; 2) Maintenance is changing out lights where needed; and 3) The new maintenance person, Greg Hickman, is doing an outstanding job.

Neighborhood/Community Gardens: Mary Eckerle met with Dave Homer about the condition of the Library's neighborhood. In addition, she met with Wendy Puffer, Henrick Soderstrom and Rod Crossman about Jay House possibilities.

Children's/Youth Services: 1) Indiana Members Credit Union sponsored *Canvas for a Cause* on March 30th. \$800 was raised for Children's programming and will be used for the summer reading club; 2) During the month of March, the Children's department staff visited 212 students at Frances Slocum and 200 children at Allen Elementary. The staff also met with a group of homeschoolers and Lakeview 1st graders; 3) Spring break activities were well attended; 4) Miller's Merry Manor collected new and gently used books during the month of March and donated them to the Library in honor of Susan Jordan, the principal from Amy Beverland Elementary, who was killed in a bus accident. The books will be given away during summer reading; and 5) During National Library Week, patrons are being encouraged to write down how the Library has transformed their life. These post-it notes will be on display. Also, during National Library Week, the Children's Department will sponsor a D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read); and 6) Finally, the Children's Department will also celebrate beloved author Beverly Cleary's 100th birthday.

Indiana History & Genealogy: 1) The Indiana Room is currently working out of the Teen Room during the museum renovation. Patrons have found the new location and staff has been meeting the research needs of patrons. They look forward to returning to the museum; 2) Rhonda Stoffer will attend the Indiana Genealogical Society's Annual conference and Society Management Seminar on April 15th and 16th; and 3) Rhonda Stoffer will speak to the DAR at their April 30th meeting about using the Internet for Genealogy research and she will speak to the Conversation Club on May 2nd about the Indiana Room.

Museum Services: 1) The Museum is closed. June Felton has been busy photographing artifacts and putting them into the Past Perfect program. This is also a way of taking inventory of the collection; 2) AARP Tax Assistance has slowed down and they will complete their program on Friday, April 15th. They had 138 people this past week; and 3) Theda (Ray) Benjamin donated a collection of World War II items from Ray Benjamin's army days.

Reference Services/Adult Programming: 1) The 1st Saturday movie continues to be well attended. 56 people attended the April movie; 2) 20 people attended the senior movie in March; 3) The Barb Wilson book discussion group attended the play *Seven* at IWU. This play is based on the March book *Vital Voices*. The play was excellent; and 4) Local artist Sara Pohlman will teach a painting class on April 26th.

Teen Programming: 1) OTAKUS continues to attract teens; 2) Teen Lego night will be held on April 20th; and 3) Trivia night is planned for Friday, April 29th.

System Administrator: 1) The Browsing Collection has been weeded; and 2) Karen Blinn will attend the COSUGI Convention (for SirsiDynix Users) on May 23rd-25th.

Network Manager: 1) The Wireless system can now be upgraded through the Erate program. The plan is to increase the number of wireless access points from 8 to 20; 2) Looking into replacing one of the servers this year. The Computer team is also investigating ways to save money by putting more services into the cloud. In addition, the Computer team is considering changing staff emails from Outlook to Gmail.

Marketing: 1) The *Chronicle-Tribune* featured the Fiber Arts tie-dyeing class in a recent article. The newspaper also featured the library in the Spring Break article; 2) Mary Eckerle was guest on WBAT on April 7th; and 3) Heather Cox, an IWU student, interviewed Sue Bratton and Mary Eckerle for www.grantcountyconnected.net and the campus newspaper.

Next Indiana Bookshelf: Author Skila Brown visited the Library on Saturday, April 9th. First, Tylanna Jones led a book discussion with six children. Skila Brown then did some poetry activities with the children followed by a shark craft. She then read from her books, *Caminar* and *Slickity Quick* and then led a poetry workshop. Wonderful afternoon for all ages. This author came to the Library as part of an Indiana Humanities grant.

Thinking Money: The application for the *Thinking Money* grant/exhibit was not successful. However, the consensus of the committee is that there is a need in this community for financial literacy. Some of the programs that were planned as part of the grant will still happen. Money Smart Week is celebrated each year in April and on April 27th, Afena Credit Union will present a program entitled, *Money: It's Personal*. Budgeting, credit, debt, and action steps will be covered.

Friends: The Friends Book Sale is scheduled for Friday, April 22nd, Saturday, April 23rd, and Sunday, April 24th. There are a lot of books in this year's Sale.

SOS: The next project of this organization is "Save Our Seven" which designates endangered historic structures. This list will be revealed in May, National Historic Preservation Month. The SOS Education Committee has started planning a summer historic preservation workshop.

Community Involvement: 1) The Grant County Art Association is hosting its Spring Art Show on the 2nd floor of the Library; 2) The Library had a display at Prevent Child Abuse's Kids Count conference; 3) Five staff members attended the Kids Count conference on April 6th (see attached report); 4) The Fiber Arts group is working on a charity project for Marion General Hospital. They are making baby sacks and caps for babies born at MGH in December; and 5) A patron appreciation day was held on April 11th with cookies and punch and piano playing by LeRoy Imler. National Library Week is April 10th-17th; and 6) Sue Bratton spoke to the Fairmount Home Extension Club about cemetery preservation and also to the Monday Conversation Club about the Gas Boom.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 17th at 6:00 p.m.

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