

July 21, 2020

The Marion Public Library Board of Trustees met Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in Meeting Room B the Marion Public Library. Present were Ms. Sumpter, Dr. Case, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Nicholson, and Mr. Lutton. Also present were Jonie Riddle and Mary Eckerle. Mr. Breen and Mr. Cline were absent. Ms. Sumpter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

On motion of Mrs. Nicholson, seconded by Dr. Case, the minutes of the June 16th meeting was unanimously approved.

On motion of Dr. Case, seconded by Mrs. Nicholson, 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 \$1,649,529.70 in the Library Operating Fund as of June 30, 2020.

New Business:

Travel, meeting attendance: On motion of Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Nicholson, attendance, travel, and related expenses were unanimously approved for the following meeting: July 20th, Tipton, SirSi-Dynix training, Joe Fox, mileage.

Budget 2021: The State Budget Agency has calculated the maximum levy growth quotient pursuant to IC 6-1-1-18.5-2 for property tax levies first due and payable in CY 2021. The growth quotient for CY 2021 is 4.200%.

Back on Track 4.5: There haven't been any patrons taking advantage of curbside pickup from 6 to 7 p.m. since it began on July 6. Since it isn't beneficial at the present time to remain open until 7 p.m., the Library will return to 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekday hours beginning July 22.

COVID-19: After much discussion, on motion of Dr. Case, seconded by Mrs. Cline, the Board voted 5 to 1 make masks mandatory in the Library, museum, and Jay House.

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) Joe Fox has replaced Karen Hiemstra and began work on July 13th; and 2) Molly Gamble resigned from her Page position effective August 13. She will be a freshman at Taylor University.

Properties: 1) Oracle Elevator will begin monthly elevator inspections/service this month; and 2) the new Teen area is progressing as time allows. In addition to carpet cleaning, some data and electric wiring and repairing has been done. Painting begins soon and then the big move.

Children's/Youth Services: 1) The Children's Department is taking a 3-week break to reassess and record new virtual programs. During the month of June, children's staff recorded 14 storytimes and had 13 other online programs; 2) During the month of June, the children's staff had 48 curbside orders; and 3) 350 grab and go crafts were taken home by patrons.

Indiana History & Genealogy: 1) The Virtual Genealogy Club is meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. There were 7 people at the last meeting. The next one will be July 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. Staff used vCita software (MPL is on a trial subscription) for event registration for the July 9th meeting and it worked well; 2) The Indiana Room is still open by appointment only, but several people have been making appointments. Queries are up and are keeping staff busy answering email and mail questions; and 3) Renee

Bissell-Cole and Rhonda Stoffer will attend a virtual genealogy conference Saturday July 18th from the Allen County Genealogical Society with genealogist Amy Johnson Crow.

Reference Services/Adult Programming: 1) Let's Knit/Crochet resumed meeting on June 11th. The group is meeting at Matter Park in the pavilion near the Butterfly Garden. The new meeting day & time is Wednesday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Everyone is very happy to be getting together again. There were 20 people attending in June; 2) Barbara Dixon and Brandon Houser are still planning to complete the Indiana Humanities Grant of "One State One Story" featuring the book, *The Year We Left Home*. The deadline for the Humanities grants is now June 30, 2021. They plan to host one event this fall in a virtual format, which will most likely be a book discussion; and 3) The family of Gaile Norkus has donated \$500 to the Library in hopes that the proposed Seed Library can finally come to fruition. Barbara Dixon and Mary Eckerle are working on this project which has been in the works for a few years.

Circulation: 1) Curbside services have gone well during the time that the Library is open; and 2) There are still fewer people visiting the Library since reopening.

Teen Programming: 1) During summer reading, there was a grab and go craft for the teens each week; and 2) 64 teens have signed up on the Reader Zone app for summer reading. Most of the teens have completed their reading or are close to it. They have until Saturday, July 18th to record their time.

Museum Services' Historic Photo Collection: The museum remains closed. Mrs. Felton continued to catalog items, accept new donations, and review the museum collection.

Historic Photo Collection: Historic photos are posted every Friday. The topics in June included parades, Rutenber Electric Company, the courthouse square, and the artesian well at Matter Park. The parade exhibit reached the greatest number of people with 4,391 hits followed by the artesian well with 3,975 hits, then the courthouse square with 2,678. Rutenber Electric Company came in last with 813 hits.

Head of Technical Services/System Administrator: Joe Fox started work on July 13th. He is doing his best to come up to speed on our operations.

Network Manager: The main server had a major crash. Two of the five hard drives crashed and had to be replaced. They were covered under warranties. After a week, everything is working well.

Marketing: Mary Eckerle was a guest on WBAT on Thursday morning July 2nd.

Indiana Humanities: *Telling a Peoples Story* will be at MPL April-May 2021. Library staff is in negotiations with program presenters to see if they can give their programs in 2021. Shari Wagner is available to do a virtual writing workshop next year.

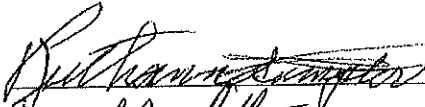

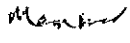
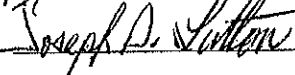
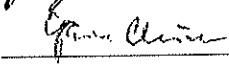
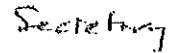
Women's Suffrage: It looks as though the Library will join other groups in celebrating the 100+1 anniversary of women's suffrage in 2021. Sue Bratton and Mary Eckerle met via zoom with Dr. Janine Giordano Drake from Indiana University. She is open to meet in person or virtually for her program which was originally scheduled for August 26th at the Hostess House. Now, it will most likely take place next spring; b) Barbara Dixon applied for a Women's Suffrage book giveaway sponsored by the American Library Association and was informed that MPL was one of the recipients; and c) MPL will receive a Pop-Up display entitled *Rightfully Hers* this month. The exhibit can be displayed leading up to the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. The exhibit is for MPL to keep.

SOS: 1) The realtor is still getting queries from interested buyers for the property at 917 S. Adams Street; only one offer has been ridiculous; 2) The organization has a stockpile of items salvaged from buildings slated to be demolished including John L. McCulloch's home on South Boots Street. The items have been inventoried and will be sold at an online auction soon; and 3) a couple of years ago, the Marion VA invited SOS to take a look at houses on the VA property that will/have been torn down. SOS is working through the documentation to be able to take salvaged items from those buildings. Paul Hayden from Indiana Landmarks is helping navigate this.

Community Outreach: 1) The Grant County Art Association has cancelled its August show as well as its annual fall show. Both are usually held at the Library; 2) Grant County Literacy Council training sessions are on hold for now; 3) IWU will not hold its annual Taste of Marion this September. This event welcomes new students; 4) The Library is now open to community meetings in Meeting Rooms A and B; and 5) The Red Cross held another Blood Drive at the Library on July 6th. South Bend Medical Foundation will have a blood drive in the Library parking lot on July 31st.

Appreciations: 1) "Rhonda, Thank you for the wonderfully quick response. Information about my great, great grandfather is very hard to come by. Bill Carleton"; and 2) My goodness Rhonda – everything you have sent is of great interest to me. It brought tears to my eyes. Who would have thought I would have all this information...? modern technology, although a maze at times to us 70-year olds, is a godsend at times. I will go through it, and if I have any questions will get back. I am happy to post a Bank Draft as a donation to your society. I would need the full name of the society, the name of prominent bank nearby and name of a person in reference to your society. Can't wait to read it all Best Regards Wendy Rutter nee Charles. (from Rhonda: This lady is from Australia and part of the Charles family that was quite prominent in Marion. June brought up a couple of boxes of Charles stuff I need to go through as well.)

Adjournment/Next meeting: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 6 p.m.

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