

August 20, 2019

The Marion Public Library Board of Trustees met Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Israel Conference Room. Present were Mr. Breen, Mrs. Enyeart, Ms. Sumpter, and Mrs. Nicholson. Mrs. Eckerle and Ms. Riddle were also present. Mrs. Cline, Dr. Case, and Mr. Cline were absent. Mrs. Hiemstra was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Ms. Sumpter called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Karen Hiemstra, System Administrator, discussed the Enterprise System. MPL is the only library in Indiana still on HIP (which she will explain). 92% of libraries worldwide have already moved to Enterprise. Enterprise functions like Google, offering autocomplete and finding things even if words are spelled incorrectly. In the new release, which is due out any day, Enterprise will have responsive design and will shift its size so that the screen functions properly no matter what size screen the user has.

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

On motion of Mrs. Nicholson, 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 \$1,183,566.12 in the Library Operating Fund as of July 31, 2019.

New Business:

Travel, meeting attendance: On motion of Mrs. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Breen, attendance, travel, and related expenses were unanimously approved for the following meetings: 1) August 9th, Noblesville, INSirsi Dynix meeting, Karen Hiemstra, mileage; 2) October 26th, Fort Wayne, Allen County Genealogical Society conference, Debbie Ruth, Renee Bissell-Cole, Emily Morris, registration, mileage; 3) August 30th, Decatur, NICCL meeting, Paul Burritt, mileage; and 4) September 25th, Emerging Technology Meeting, NICCL, Allen County Public Library, Kristen Gioe, Joanne Hix, Christina Rowland, Paul Burritt, mileage.

2020 Budget: It is Budget time. The State Board of Accounts has calculated the assessed value growth quotient pursuant to IC 6-1.1-18.5-2 for property tax levies first due and payable in CY 2020. The growth quotient for CY 2020 is 3.5%. Jonie Riddle and Mary Eckerle met with Ryan Burke from the Department of Local Government Finance on August 8th. The 2020 budget must be advertised on the Gateway portal and on the Library's website by September 8th which is 10 days before the Public Hearing at the September 17th meeting. By consensus, the Board approved the 2020 Budget for advertising.

E-Rate Resolution: A Resolution to continue in the Indiana State Consortium for Public Library Internet Access for Funding Year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 will be presented. This is an annual renewal. The Consortium provides e-rate services for Indiana libraries. On motion of Mrs. Enyeart, seconded by Mrs. Nicholson, the Board unanimously voted to remain in the Indiana State Consortium for Public Library Internet Access.

Sirsi-Dynix Enterprise system: On motion of Ed Breen, seconded by Mrs. Enyeart, the Board unanimously voted to purchase the Enterprise system with a 5-year contract.

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) Alex Rayment is the new page in the Children's department; 2) Mollie Gamble has accepted the position of page in Adult Services; 3) Jessica Robbins is no longer employed at the Library; and 4) Long-time employee Natalie Garner is working full-time again at the Circulation desk.

hard drive. Gordon Seacott gave us a replacement hard drive at no charge. The system is back up and running.

Marketing: 1) Karen Hiemstra and Jamie Butler were on WBAT on August 1st. They discussed new books at the Library as well as the benefits and popularity of the new Chair Yoga class; and 2) Dr. Kersten Priest was on WBAT on August 16th. She talked about all the research that went into the Weaver exhibit which opens on August 17th.

Weaver: This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Weaver/Pettiford family reunion at Hills Chapel Church near the Weaver settlement in Grant County. Dr. Kersten Priest from IWU and Dr. Bob Priest from Taylor have a crew of students researching Weaver history and developing family trees. In addition to an exhibit of MPL Museum artifacts, they will have an exhibit celebrating the Weaver families. People from the Weaver reunion are invited to the museum on Saturday, August 17th. Since this is also the 100th anniversary of the NAACP, the exhibit will most likely remain through the end of the year. The Library will host a ribbon cutting and reception on Saturday, August 17th at 1 p.m.

Friends of the Marion Public Library & Museum: A very enthusiastic Friends group met on August 12th. The Friends budget is healthy, and members are working to support the Library wherever it is needed. This year, this Friends group celebrates 20 years of existence.

S.O.S: SOS has collaborated to create design guidelines for historic preservation for the Marion City Council. The guidelines were presented to the council's ordinance committee on July 23rd. The committee's response was favorable. Sam Ramsey, director of planning for the city, is making some edits to the document.

Candidate Forum: There will be two Forums. On Wednesday, September 11th, the program will include those men running for Mayor followed by the City Council at Large candidates. On Thursday, September 12th, the candidates for the various City wards will be on hand.

IWU Acts of Kindness. IWU students will be at the Library on Wednesday, August 28th from the annual Acts of Kindness day. Some students of Debbie Luttrell will assist her in cleaning the stained-glass window that was recently acquired. And, some students might be painting curbs, dusting, or cleaning chairs.

ESL for Adults. MPL has been informed that the English as a Second Language tutoring program will continue at College Wesleyan this fall. This program offers one-on-one volunteer-based ESL instruction to all interested adults, irrespective of background or language level. These sessions will take place on Mondays and/or Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at College Wesleyan.

Library Land Project: There are two gentlemen traveling the state of Massachusetts rating all its libraries. It's called the *Library Land Project*.

Here's the criteria being used: How would you rate MPL?

1. Parking/transportation
2. Wi-Fi
3. Meeting rooms
4. Condition
5. Completeness
6. Community
7. Friendliness
8. Restrooms
9. Noise
10. Comfort level
11. All-important "Good place to work".

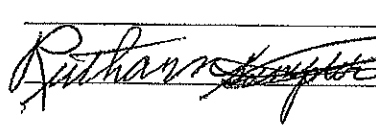
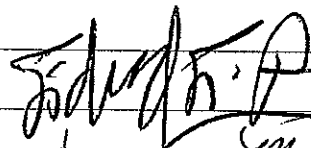
Community Involvement: 1) Three staff members from the Children's Department attended the Marion General Hospital World Breastfeeding Event on Tuesday, August 6th. It was a great opportunity to meet new moms and share about Library programs; 2) The Library was involved in National Night Out on

August 6th. During that evening, various Marion neighborhood associations came together to celebrate City officials, police, fire and other community helpers. Following is a list of upcoming activities that may warrant Library participation:

- **Books N Bikes.** This took place on Saturday, August 17th in Bend of the River Neighborhood on North Washington St. The Library had a table there.
- **Community Job Fair.** This took place at the Library on Thursday, August 22nd. In addition, someone from the Census will be signing up people who want to work on the census.
- **Taste of Marion.** Friday, September 6th. This takes place at IWU. It is a showcase of the community for new students. The Library will have a table.
- **Boston Hill Center.** Friday, September 13th – grand opening. This is the former Centrum Mall and it's one block away. It's going to have food, music, pop-up vendors and tours that night including a Library display.
- **Voices of Recovery.** Saturday, September 21st. Downtown. This is a day to celebrate those who are in recovery from addictions. Food trucks, music, a 5K, and testimonials.
- **Be Downtown.** Friday, October 4th and Saturday, Oct. 5th. On Saturday night, the Growth Council will have a "Pitch Night" for new businesses. Should be fun.
- **Walkway of Lights.** This is Saturday, December 7th. The Christmas parade is moving back downtown. Downtown businesses are encouraged to have activities and participate in the parade.

Appreciations. June and Mary, Thank you for collaborating with Black Sheep Events for the August 2nd Scavenger hunt! It was a great turn out and team building activity for a local daycare. Warmest Regards, Stephanie Rogers.

Adjournment/Next meeting: Tuesday, September 17th, 2019 at 6 p.m. This will be a public hearing on the 2020 budget.

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