

March 19, 2019

The Marion Public Library Board of Trustees met Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Israel Conference Room. Present were Mrs. Enyeart, Mr. Cline, Dr. Case, Mr. Breen, Ms. Sumpter, Mrs. Cline, and Mrs. Nicholson. Mrs. Eckerle and Ms. Riddle were also present.

Mr. Cline called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

On motion of Ms. Sumpter, seconded by Mr. Breen, the minutes of the February 19, 2019 meeting was unanimously approved.

On motion of Mrs. Enyeart seconded by Mrs. Cline, 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 \$853,570.11 in the Library Operating Fund as of February 28, 2019.

New Business:

Travel, meeting attendance: On motion of Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Breen, attendance, travel, and related expenses were unanimously approved for the following meetings: 1) March 20th, MPL, Youth Worker Café – Topic: Human Trafficking, Tylanna Jones, Kristen Gioe; 2) April 10th, Ivy Tech Marion, Prevent Child Abuse Grant County “Kids Count” training & luncheon, Kristen Gioe, Tylanna Jones, Mary Eckerle, registration; and 3) April 22nd, Mishawaka Public Library, ILF District Conference, Mary Eckerle, Michelle Morgan, registration, mileage.

Roof Replacement: The project is complete. Still awaiting the final bill.

Candidate Forums: The Chamber and Library sponsored event will be held on Thursday, March 21st at 6 p.m. Alicia Hazelwood will moderate the forum. WBAT will stream it live and Mark Baldwin will assist with sound. There is a possibility that this will be live-streamed over the internet.

Brianna's Hope: Brianna's Hope will begin meeting in the Jay House on April 10th. Prior to that, the women who are cooking the meals will tour the house and Pastor Rob Barton will meet with Roger Marx regarding safety and security measures.

Request from the Children's Department: From Tylanna Jones: “I would like to request \$5,000 for the 2019 budget for the Children's/Youth Services Reading Program. With the requested money, we will purchase summer reading supplies and prizes. We will offer family friendly programs for the children and families that we serve. Purchases will include: weekly prizes, books from Scholastic to give away upon completion of the program, decorations for the department, weekly programs, and items for the summer reading party. Our theme this year is *A Universe of Stories*. 632 children signed up for the Summer Reading Club in 2018. Thanks.” This money will also go toward the Teen Summer Reading Program. On motion of Ms. Sumpter, seconded by Mr. Breen, the Board unanimously approved this request.

Grant County Historical Society: Ruthann Sumpter has been serving as the liaison between the Historical Society and the Library. Brandon Houser, the newest hire in the Reference Department has volunteered to serve in the role. The Board needs to approve this.

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

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

Staff: a) Amanda Fafinski and Patty Vair are resigning from the Library. There is an Employee Announcement for a part-time Circulation position. Brandon Houser was hired for the part-time reference position and began work on February 26, 2019.

Properties: 1) The roofing project is complete! 2) The bedbug treatment went well but staff continue to be vigilant in efforts to prevent an outbreak; 3) Mr. Marx will be painting the Connector soon; and 4) The Fire Department was at the Library on March 13th, 14th, and 15th for facility training tours.

Children's/Youth Services: 1) The 5<sup>th</sup> grade Battle of the Books was February 23rd. The Homeschool team won with Northview coming in second. There was also a makeup 4<sup>th</sup> grade Battle for the Mississinewa teams. St. Paul and Riverview joined this Battle and Riverview won. There were 340 people attending the Battle at St. Paul. Space is becoming an issue and Marion High School's auditorium is being considered for future events; 2) The MPL 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program began on Monday, February 25th. Thus far, 27 children have signed up. One of the children has already read 200 books! 3) New parents will receive a postcard from Marion General Hospital. They can bring it to the Library to receive a baby bag. Each baby bag will have a board book, a tip sheet on reading to your child, a library calendar, and a library card application; 4) The Children's Department is adding Vox books to the collection. Check it out: <https://www.libraryideas.com/vox-books>. The initial order is for ten books; and 5) During Spring Break, there will be Spring Break Reading BINGO, a movie and a Creation Station.

Indiana History & Genealogy: 1) The Weaver program on February 21st went very well and was attended by about 60 people. Robert and Kersten Priest were pleased with the turnout and will continue to do research in the Indiana Room; 2) On March 14th, there will be a DNA program entitled, "What Do Your DNA Results Mean." It will be presented by Sara Allen, a librarian in the Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library. There have been a lot of people who have expressed interest in this subject; and 3) A few weeks ago, Channel 21 in Fort Wayne did a spot on a Grand Army of the Republic stained glass window that came from the Jonesboro Presbyterian Church. You can see the story here: <https://wpta21.com/news/featured/21country/2019/02/19/shedding-light/?fbclid=IwAR3CW5jG9oW7vWlBnytqX-WEDxZMNVzpKiYyfc7hPZwIR8EoLfyxIkZEErw>. The Garstka family had purchased the window at a Fort Wayne auction but no longer wanted it. Rhonda Stoffer contacted Eric Olsen at Channel 21 and he gave her the contact information for the Garstkas. The family said they would donate the window to the Marion Public Library. It is now in the Indiana Room on display.

Reference Services/Adult Programming: 1) There were 38 people attending the weekly knitting/crochet group with three sessions in February. The Fiber Arts Guild hosted a tatting workshop led by Maria Porterfield with twelve participants; 2) The Saturday movie in February was *God Bless the Broken Road*; 3) The Barb Wilson Book Discussion group Skyped with author Cathy Day in March. She wrote fiction book entitled *The Circus in Winter* based on the circus in Peru. April's book is *Animals in Translation*; 4) Tax season has gone pretty smoothly this year; and 5) Summer Reading planning is underway.

Circulation: 1) Joanne Hix is weeding the audiobook collection and repackaging items in new slim cases that takes up less space; 2) The fiction DVD collection is being weeded for the first time ever; and 3) Weeding these collections will help with space issues and make the collections look more appealing.

Teen Programming: 1) Teens will have an Otakus meeting in March and will enjoy a Teen Game Day during spring break; 2) Summer Reading is going to be here soon and Mrs. Gioe is preparing for it; 3) Kristen Gioe and Tylanna Jones will attend a YALSA conference on "Youth Services with Impact" in Kokomo in late March.

Museum Services: 1) Attendance in the museum for February was 54 people; 2) AARP was in the Carnegie Room in February nine times with 475 people; and 3) There were two tours of the museum with 28 in attendance.

Network Manager: 1) The Technical Assistance Center students have recently finished making copies of the Marion High School yearbooks for Mark Fauser at Marion High School. They are now reviewing Children's websites for Children's/Youth Services; and 2) Mr. Burritt has been working with Chester Technologies on computer and server issues.

Marketing: 1) Tylanna Jones and Kristen Gioe were on WBAT on March 7th; and 2) Both the C-T and the News Herald covered the Kersten and Robert Priest program on Weaver.

National Library Week is April 7<sup>th</sup> through April 13<sup>th</sup>: The theme this year is *Library = Strong Communities*. Sunday, April 7th – Book Sale; Monday, April 8th – Library Open House with Glenn Welch performing; Wednesday, April 10th – Barb Wilson Book Discussion group; Thursday, April 11th – “Scams for Seniors” presented by First Farmer’s Bank; April 12th – Family Fort Night (<https://raincitylibrarian.wordpress.com/2016/02/02/family-fort-night/>) Passive activities for kids and adults all week.

Friends: 1) Friends Book Sale: Friday, April 5th, Saturday, April 6th, and Sunday, April 7th; 2) Author Faire: Saturday, April 27th from 10 a.m.-12 noon; and 3) Friends Annual meeting featuring author Ray Boomhower: Monday, May 6th @ 6:30 p.m.

Community Involvement: 1) Carey Services has a display on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor during March which is Disability Awareness month; 2) The next WorkOne Job Fair is scheduled for Thursday, March 21st from 11 to 2 and it will be geared toward jobs in manufacturing and logistics; and 3) Plans are underway to resurrect Manufacturing Day this fall. More information at the meeting.

Appreciations: “Dear Mr. Hueston and student friends. Thank you so much for giving me back a working iPhone and laptop. Electronics provide so much information and save me loads of effort. I can’t say thank you enough. I will be campaigning for others to know this help is available! Sincerely, Doris Lucas.” These are the Technical Assistance Center students who are at the Library two days a week.

Adjournment/Next meeting: Tuesday, April 16th at 6 p.m.

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