

September 17, 2019

The Marion Public Library Board of Trustees met Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Israel Conference Room. Present were Mr. Breen, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Cline, Ms. Sumpter, and Dr. Case. Mrs. Eckerle and Ms. Riddle were also present. Mrs. Enyeart and Mrs. Nicholson were absent.

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

The first item of business was the **Public Hearing** on the 2020 budget. No members of the public were present. At this time, by motion of Ms. Sumpter, seconded by Mrs. Cline, the Public Hearing meeting was unanimously adjourned.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Breen, seconded by Ms. Sumpter, the minutes of the August 19th meeting was unanimously approved with one correction.

On motion of Mrs. Cline, 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 \$1,097,985.98 in the Library Operating Fund as of August 31, 2019.

New Business:

Travel, meeting attendance: On motion of Ms. Sumpter, seconded by Dr. Case, attendance, travel, and related expenses were unanimously approved for the following meetings: 1) October 11th, Tipton County Public Library, Technical Services Roundtable, Karen Hiemstra, mileage; and 2) October 17th, Anderson Public Library, Circulation Roundtable, Michelle Morgan, mileage.

2020 Budget: The advertised budget was posted on the Gateway site on August 21st. The advertised budget is also available on the Library's website.

Michael Hotz/investments: Michael Hotz, attorney, has met with Ryan Jones, account manager for the Library's account at Edward Jones. Mr. Hotz would like to talk to the State Board of Accounts about the Library's investments. By consensus, the Board gave approval for Mr. Hotz to pursue this.

Library policies: Michael Hotz has reviewed the service animal policy with one correction. He has determined that the policy is in compliance with ADA on the topic. On motion of Mrs. Cline, seconded by Ms. Sumpter, the Board unanimously adopted this policy with one structural change.

E-Rate: Jonie Riddle and Mary Eckerle met with Lynn Duhamell, AdTec's E-Rate consultant, about possibilities in funding during the 2020-2021 year.

Sonitrol contract: The Sonitrol contract passed by the Board at the July meeting was for the Library and museum. Mrs. Eckerle presented a proposal from Sonitrol for the Jay House. Installation is \$2637.70 and the monthly parts and labor service support is \$169. On motion of Dr. Case, seconded by Mr. Breen, the Board unanimously approved the Sonitrol contract.

Brain Kitchen: The Brain Kitchen will resume its afterschool program in the Jay House beginning September 19th. Allen School children will come on Thursday and Friday after school.

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

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

Staff: Mary Leffler, Head of Reference and Adult Services, has resigned, due to retirement, effective October 31st.

Properties: a) Repairs were made to the parking lot recently; and b) A condenser is acting up and Mr. Marx is conferring with Havel Brothers about the possibility of replacement.

Directors' meeting: Mary Eckerle reported on the Directors' meeting that was held on September 5th at the Library. 30 directors from Central Indiana attended the meeting as did Paula Newcom from the Indiana State Library and Lucinda Nord from the Indiana Library Federation. Topics discussed included legislation affecting libraries, library programs and collaborations, threats to libraries, supervised visitations and common problems and concerns.

Children's/Youth Services: 1) PJ (Pajama) Tales will be offered each Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Children's Activity Room; 2) 25 patrons attended the first *Game On!* Program; 3) The 4th annual STEAM Festival – *Explore the Universe* will be on Saturday, January 11th from 1 to 3 p.m.; and 4) There will be lots of fun activities in the Children's Department on Thursday, September 19th from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. for *Talk Like a Pirate Day!*

Indiana History & Genealogy: 1) Rhonda Stoffer was able, with help from the Gas City Mill Township Library, to provide a photo of Robert Crosby, who was killed in WWII, to the Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial. The town of Margraten has been requesting photos of every serviceman buried or memorialized in the cemetery. The photos will be displayed next to each tombstone during the national commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII. <https://www.warhistoryonline.com/news/the-netherlands-launch-effort-fine-photos-of-u-s-soldiers.html?fbclid=IwAR3JZ6ZxomsDE5c71JA9v5JjwMujEjT40EniU>; 2) Rhonda Stoffer was interviewed by the *Chronicle-Tribune* about the Weaver exhibit; 3) While going through boxes in her office looking for Marion related videos for Steve Wright, Rhonda Stoffer came across five cassette tapes of interview from 1980 with several Weaver descendants. Steve Wright has them and will attempt to digitize and clean up the audio. Dr. Kersten Priest has offered to transcribe them as well; and 4) Eric Olson from Channel 21 in Fort Wayne was at the museum on Tuesday, September 10th to film a segment on the Weaver Exhibit for his 21 Counties reports. Dr. Kersten Priest, Norma Johnson, Sue Althouse, and Jocelyn Whittaker were able to come in and they were interviewed by Eric Olson. Rhonda Stoffer will let people know when it is being aired and available online.

Reference Services/Adult Programming: 1) Danielle Vorhees from Purdue Extension will partner with MPL to offer a series of classes over the next three months. September 24th – Healthy Cooking with Fresh Herbs. October 29th – Lighten Up Your Cooking. November 26th – Meals in a Mug; 2) Mrs. Clare had her first adult craft class on September 5th. Attendees were pleased to have her back each month; 3) *Sherlock Gnomes* was the first Saturday movie and *The Secret Life of Pets* will be shown in October; and 4) The Barb Wilson Book Discussion group had *Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk* as the book on September 11th. The next month's book selection is *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See.

Teen Programming: 1) In August, there were two Otakus meetings as well as a Teen game day; 2) Otakus and a Teen DIY are scheduled for September and 3) Kristen Gioe and the Children's Department are in the process of developing a Halloween Escape Room for families, teens, and adults for the end of October. There will be two sets of puzzles depending on who (adults, teens, families) are going through the room.

Museum Services: 1) There was a scavenger hunt in the museum with 15 people; and 2) The Weaver exhibit is a great success and people are still coming to see it. The display will continue at the museum through fall.

Circulation: The Marion School Tech students began their tech assistance again at the Library on Thursday, September 12th. They will be on duty in the mornings and afternoons to assist patrons and do other duties as assigned.

System Administrator: 1) Karen Hiemstra is working on the Circ database. She is adding records and doing updates; and 2) Mrs. Hiemstra's next Chair Yoga sessions begin on September 17th.

Marketing: 1) Ruthann Sumpter and Michelle Morgan were on WBAT on September 5th. Ms. Sumpter talked about the Friends group which has been in existence for 20 years. Mrs. Morgan talked about the hot spot program. She also talked about September being Library Card sign-up month and who was eligible to obtain student and teacher cards; 2) There was lots of publicity about the Weaver exhibit – the *News Herald* and the *Chronicle-Tribune* featured the exhibit.

Candidate Forum: The Wednesday Forum went very well. All candidates were present except for one Council at Large candidate. There were about 125 for the mayor part of the forum and 60 for the Council part. For Thursday's Forum, 75 people were in attendance. The Chamber of Commerce, WBAT, and MPL collaborated on the Forums. One candidate (Ward 4) was a no-show for the Thursday evening Forum.

Justice Middle School partnership: Tylanna Jones and Mary Eckerle continue to work with Kari Persinger at Justice Middle School and John McCracken from IWU to bring author Kimberly Brubaker to the community. Ms. Brubaker would be at the Library during one of the evenings of her visit.

IWU Acts of Kindness: 18 students from Ed Shigley's New Testament class descended upon the Library on August 28th. The students painted curbs, washed walls and chairs, and some assisted Debbie Luttrell in repairing the new stained-glass window in the Indiana Room. It was a busy day.

Community Involvement: 1) Barb Salveter, Mary Eckerle and Danielle Shigley had a Library table at Books & Bikes on August 17th; 2) Danielle Shigley, Barb Salveter and Mary Eckerle represented the Library at Taste of Marion at IWU on September 6th; 3) God's House is reopening its Center for Success for after school tutoring and homework help. They will partner with Riverview School in doing this. MHS hopes to collaborate in some way with this program; 4) A representative from the Indiana Health Center will have a table in the Connector once a week on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. They have information on insurance and other items that might benefit library patrons; and 5) Marion Philharmonic Orchestra's String Ensemble will perform in the Carnegie Room on Saturday, November 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Appreciations: 1) A note was received from Tori Tisdale, Coordinator for Taste of Marion. She thanked the Library for participating in the event. The Library has never missed a year of being part of the Taste; and 2) "Thank you so much for the loan of *741 Tank Battalion D-Day to V-E Day*. I got the title from another book. I'm a retired elementary school teacher and have enjoyed reading a lot since my retirement in 2000. Would you believe about 760 books? I read a lot of different genre but enjoy WWII the most. I really love reading about little known events. But I also enjoy other military, maritime, sports, autobiography and politics. This book wasn't available locally, so I had to use the ILL system. I've read over 30 books from other parts of the country. I always google the sending library. I get to learn a lot about the different libraries and universities. It broadens my horizons. Thanks again a bunch." Sincerely, Cliff Sundin. Kenmore WA.

Adjournment/Next meeting: Tuesday, October 15th at 6 p.m. At this meeting, the 2020 budget will be adopted.

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