

September 20, 2016

The Marion Public Library Board of Trustees met Tuesday, September 20th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Israel Conference Room. Present were Dr. Case, Mrs. Cline, Mr. Cline, Mrs. Enyeart, Mr. Ott, Ms. Sumpter and Mr. Holderead. Mrs. Eckerle and Ms. Riddle were also present. Michelle Bunker was also present at the beginning of the meeting.

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

The first item of business was the **Public Hearing** on the 2017 budget. No members of the public were present. On motion of Mr. Holderead, seconded by Mr. Ott, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the Public Hearing.

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

Michelle Bunker, Insurance Management, gave a brief update on the health insurance policies and updates as to what 2017 looks like. She also gave an overview of some of the other ways in which Insurance Management has been assisting staff such as access to human resource materials, wellness materials, and ability to host a staff portal for the Marion Public Library.

On motion of Mr. Cline, seconded by Ms. Sumpter, 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 \$2,055,153.29 in all funds as of August 31, 2016.

New Business:

Travel, meeting attendance: On motion of Mr. Cline, seconded by Mr. Ott, attendance, travel, and related expenses were unanimously approved for the following meetings: 1) September 23rd, Indianapolis, Indiana Memory Digital Public Library of America FEST 2016, Rhonda Stoffer, Sue Bratton,; and 2) October 19th, Warsaw, NICCL meeting, Paul Burritt, mileage.

2017 Budget: Mary Eckerle attended the August 17th Grant County Council meeting at which there was a review of the circuit breaker impact for all local governmental entities. The advertised budget for 2017 (Form 3) is available on the Gateway site and on the Library's webpage.

Policy information: 1) Board discussion on groups using the Library grounds for any type of solicitation. No action was taken.

Student library cards: On motion of Mr. Ott, seconded by Ms. Sumpter, the Board unanimously passed a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Free Library Cards to Library employees who are not residents of the Library district, to teachers of a school corporation or nonpublic school that is located at least in part in the library district, and to students who are Indiana residents and are enrolled in a public school corporation or a nonpublic school that is located at least in part in the library district. A Resolution is attached as part of these minutes.

Security and Safety: Mary Eckerle updated the board on safety and security issues in and around the library.

History Made Here project: The soft opening for this new exhibit was September 12th. Staff members are taking the tour so they can promote it. Patrons are giving very positive comments. And, the Convention & Visitors Bureau wants to start talking about Phase 2 of the project!

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) Zelda Tyson is the new page in the Children's Department; 2) Jeffrey Tomlinson has been hired to work part time in the Circulation Department. He is a junior at Eastbrook High School; 3) Jamie Butler is working part time at the Circulation Desk. She retired two years ago and has been subbing when needed; and 4) Kayla Johnson continues to work very part time at the Library. She is also the new Main Street director.

Patron survey: Patron surveys are available at public desks and online. Patrons are being asked that, if MPL reduced hours, which days/hours would be preferred to be cut.

Board member terms: Dr. Case's second term ends on December 31, 2016. He is appointed by the Common Council of the City of Marion. Mr. Cline's third term ends on December 31, 2016. He is appointed by the Grant County Board of Commissioners.

Property: 1) Finished with the museum project with the exception of making the lobby area's projected images more visible; 2) Having ongoing issues with the blue fire panel in the Connector. It keeps going into alert mode at random times and then resets. Roger Marx is working with Koorsen's on this issue; and 3) Rex Collins Electric has been consulting with Roger Marx and Paul Burritt about a loud noise in the transformer. They aren't finding any issues but the noise level has increased in the past few months.

Children's/Youth Services: 1) A Pokémon passive program was held during August and it was a hit. Children could make Pikachu ears and vote on their favorite Pokémon. There was voting and prizes; 2) Four Children's Department staff attended CYPD. The theme was "reBOOT". There were a lot of great workshops from which to choose. Matt de la Pena was the featured author and, in his speech, he talked about how important it is to get the right book in the hands of a child and how it can change a life. Here is a link to an interview with him: <http://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2013/11/11/243960103/a-reluctant-reader-turns-ya-author-for-tough-teens>; 3) Children's staff is trying to find new ways to market non-fiction books; 4) Harry Potter night is coming up on September 30th; and 5) Monday, September 19th, is "Talk Like Pirate Day!" and there will be fun activities in the Children's Department.

Indiana History & Genealogy: 1) The museum is open and everything looks great. Staff is very pleased with the placement of the historic maps; 2) Many travelers visited Indiana History & Genealogy during the summer months; and 3) There continues to be a lot of usage of the four subscription genealogy databases. Three allow remote access. In August, HeritageQuest had 782 searches, Fold3 had 171 and Newspaper Archives had 1437 page views. Ancestry continues to be the winner with 8094 searches, all in house.

Museum Services: 1) The museum is open. Some of the signs are not finished, but will be soon; and 2) Manufacturing Day is October 7th and about 20 Grant County manufacturers will have items on display.

Reference Services/Adult Programming: 1) Clare's Crafts began again this month after a summer break. She had a full house for her September craft; 2) The book discussion group discussed *Under Magnolia* by Frances Mayes in September; 3) Sara Pohlman's Punch and Painting class continues to be full; and 4) There were 50 attendees at September's first Saturday movie.

Teen Programming: 1) Otakus met on September 16th; and 2) A teen movie and a trivia night are planned for October.

Knitting and Fiber Arts: The yarn dyeing workshop had 11 attendees. Both Knitting and Fiber Arts continue to have good attendance.

System Administrator: 1) Karen Blinn will attend the SAMS (Small and Medium Sized Libraries) conference in Alexandria on September 15th and 16th.

Marketing: 1) Sue Bratton and Tylanna Jones were on WBAT on September 1<sup>st</sup> discussing the kayak program and the Gas Boom exhibit; 2) The *Chronicle-Tribune* featured the Library in front page articles; and 3) Randall King interviewed participants of the kayak program for *Crossroads*.

Network Manager: The new server will be installed the week of September 19th.

Manufacturing Day: The annual exhibit of Grant County manufacturers will take place in October with the opening reception on Friday, October 7th with a Business Before Hours. About 20 manufacturers plan to be there. A panel discussion on manufacturing will take place in October with local manufacturers participating.

STEM grant/exhibit: The STEAM exhibit *Discover Earth* arrives on November 30th and will remain at MPL until March 10, 2017. This is a highly interactive exhibit with several stations using touch screen computer and an interactive touch table. The exhibit will be on the first floor near Circulation, in the Children's Department and upstairs around the clerestory. MPL has adopted the theme of water for its time with *Discover Earth*.

The Library partnered with IWU Adventure Learning to host a canoe trip down the Mississinewa River on Sunday afternoon September 11th to help get the word out about the upcoming exhibit. Twelve people made the trip (which was postponed one day due to storms). Randall King from WIWU videotaped part of the trip and interviewed several participants for a future *Crossroads* show.

96 Acts of Intentional Kindness: Eight IWU freshmen painted curbs and washed chairs on September 2nd as part of this IWU New Student Orientation.

SOS: SOS is partnering with a historic preservation class at Ball State. This class is surveying the areas south of the square between Gallatin Street and Branson Street for a proposed South Washington Street historic district.

Bicentennial: The Bicentennial Torch comes through Grant County on September 28th. Mary Eckerle will provide a route map and Ms. Sumpter can discuss local events. The MPL's Crosley will be in the Torch Run and it will be driven by Mike Cline with Jim Sutter as the torchbearer.

Community Involvement: 1) Sharon Vodraska and Mary Eckerle represented the Library at Bend of the River's "Books & Bikes" on August 13th; and 2) The Library had a table at IWU's Taste of Marion on September 9th. 17 students applied for a Marion Public Library card.

Appreciations: 1) To Shirley Mooney, Interlibrary loan, "Thank you for obtaining the books. I had to read the small print with a magnifying glass but I enjoyed the story just as much as I did many, many years ago! Sincerely, Mary Petrucce."; and 2) From Lisa Dominisse, Family Service Society, "Mary, I loved reading about the new exhibit & move toward interactive displays. I have watched the museum change as I've gone in & out of the library for books. It looks amazing! Kudos to you and all the others who committed to this project and did the work to make it happen. Kind regards, Lisa."

Adjournment/Next meeting: Tuesday, November 15th at 6 p.m.

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