

June 19, 2018

The Marion Public Library Board of Trustees met Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the Israel Conference Room. Present were Mr. Cline, Dr. Case, Mrs. Cline, and Mr. Breen. Mrs. Eckerle and Ms. Riddle were also present. Mrs. Nicholson, Ms. Sumpter and Mrs. Enyeart were absent.

Mr. Cline called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Breen, seconded by Mrs. Cline, the minutes of the May 15th meeting was unanimously approved.

On motion of Mr. Breen, seconded by Dr. Case, 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 \$349,136.52 in the Library Operating Fund as of May 31, 2018.

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) May 30th, Local elected officials dinner, Marion, Ruthann Sumpter, registration, Mary Eckerle.

2019 Budget: Budget planning has begun. Libraries should receive the Growth Quotient number by the end of June. The Budget calendar has been set. The meeting with the DLGF is August 15th. That is also the day that Jim McWhirt reviews numbers for all county entities at the County Council meeting. The Public Hearing on the 2019 Budget is September 18th. Adoption date is October 16th.

Telephones: Telephones are here and are being installed along with the paging system. The Go Live date is estimated to be June 28th.

Roof issues: Attorney Michael Hotz reviewed the specifications. Roger Marx contacted Homeland Security about necessary certificates from them regarding approval from an architect or engineer. Mr. Hotz contacted Halstead architects and they stand ready to review the specifications. The Library will pay Bob Schenkel \$3,000 for assistance in preparing the roofing specifications.

Policy review: Food and Drink policy – There was more discussion on this and Mary Eckerle shared input from staff.

Brain Kitchen: The Brain Kitchen is doing summer programming beginning June 28th and will have three sessions. Ryan Wagers is coordinating this program.

Garfield: The Convention & Visitors Bureau communicated that the Garfield statue for the Library and museum will be ready to be placed by the end of June. There will be a small celebration for Garfield's arrival.

Copiers: The Library's contract with Van Ausdall & Farrar will be up this year. Jonie Riddle and Mary Eckerle are reviewing the next course of action. The copiers have worked well these past three years and the company has been very responsive to problems. The Library is now signed up with U.S. Communities which helps entities find the lowest prices without having to send out RFP's.

Hot Spots: Still working on resolving the Hot Spot situation.

Little Free Libraries: Mary Eckerle met with the Mayor and Kayla Johnson about Little Free Libraries on June 30th. There were concerns about placing these in public areas. Recently, the Little Free Library in Barnes Park was vandalized. Going forward, Mary Eckerle and Kayla Johnson plan to meet with prospective stewards about placement of the libraries. Private property will be encouraged.

Library Restrooms: A survey was sent to Indiana Library Directors regarding bathroom concerns. There should be results by the July meeting.

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

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

Staff: No staff changes this month. A salary adjustment was requested for Jeffrey Tomlinson and Micah Hoeksema. This was approved by the Board by consensus.

Properties: 1) Roger Marx spent a lot of time on roof specifications and communications with Bob Schenkel; and 2) Mary Eckerle and Roger Marx are working on landscaping ideas for Library property. Some trees by the parking lot are dead or near-dead.

Neighborhood: 1) The Historic Marion Neighborhood Association is meeting again; 2) God's House teamed up with the Cave and showed a movie in the God's House parking lot on June 15th; and 2) Mary Eckerle contacted Jerry Foustnight, building inspector, regarding new neighbors possibly squatting at 117 W. 7th and about the dumpster that continues to sit on the Blinn property.

Momentum students: There will be some high school students at a conference at IWU in July and part of that week's activities will be for the students to engage in community service opportunities in Marion. Consideration is being given as to what the students can do in and around the Library.

Children's/Youth Services: 1) The Justice 5th graders visited on Friday, May 11th and the Frances Slocum 3rd graders visited on Wednesday, May 23rd. Staff from both buildings helped when these large groups visited; 2) Summer Reading is keeping staff busy. 494 children have registered; and 3) Kids Sign Language will be held from June 18 – 22. Linda Taylor, Executive Director for Services for the Vision and Hearing Impaired, has partnered with the Library for several years.

From Pencils to Pixels: This exhibit from the Indiana Historical Society is on display on the Library's second floor from now until July 6th.

From Pencils to Pixels: Hoosier Cartoons and Comics

From the antics of fat-cat Garfield to the cracker-barrel philosophy of Brown County savant Abe Martin, the many creations of Hoosier cartoonists are highlighted in this colorful exhibit designed to amuse and intrigue your audience. The exhibit explores the amusing goings-on of characters from comic strips like "Chic" Jackson's "Roger Bean," which featured the lives of a typical Hoosier family, to the editorial musings of Pulitzer Prize-winning artist John T. McCutcheon, who was a fierce opponent of America's entry into World War II.

Drawn from the collections of the Indiana Historical Society, Indiana State Library, and other institutions throughout the state, the exhibition also examines the life and work of such Indiana cartoonists as "the dean of America's editorial cartoonists," Evansville's Karl Kae Knecht; artists from the Crawfordsville area known as the Sugar Crick School of Art; "the first black political cartoonist," Henry Jackson Lewis, who worked for the Indianapolis Freeman; Abe Martin creator Frank McKinney "Kin" Hubbard; Richmond's Gaar Williams, who earned a designation as the

“James Whitcomb Riley of the pencil”; and Muncie’s Jim Davis, responsible for bringing Garfield to life.

Indiana History & Genealogy: 1) Rhonda Stoffer has agreed to become the administrator of the Grant County Historical Society’s Facebook page. She will do some posts and monitor requests; 2) There is a group of Taylor students using the Indiana Room for research this summer; and 3) The Indiana Room has been passing out Bingo cards to children visiting the museum. There are nine items on the card that they can find, and use a sticker to mark the items they have found. It has been popular with parents and children. One girl said, “This makes it even more fun.”

Reference Services/Adult Programming: 1) 35 people attended the June first Saturday movie; 2) Summer reading is going strong with over 300 adults registered; 3) The Barb Wilson book group discussed *Winter Garden* by Kristen Hannah on June 13th. *Hillbilly Elegy* is planned for July; 3) Bekah Shaffer had 17 at her first writing workshop. Several signed up for all five sessions and others are signing up one session at a time; 4) Punch and Painting continues to be popular; There will be a special summer reading book discussion of any rock memoir of the patron’s choice from 1970 to the present. Sheri Sharlow will lead this discussion; 5) The Library has a new database, *Universal Class*. It offers over 500 classes. Many are eligible for continuing education units. Homeschoolers should find it helpful; and 6) 56 people attended the weekly knitting/crochet group with five sessions in May

Teen Programming: 1) Teens met for Otakus in May and June. This continues to have a great following; 2) Summer reading has begun and 103 teens signed up in the first week; 3) During the first week, teens watched *Black Panther* and a record number of teens came; and 4) Teens have a gaming day planned, a magazine wall art project, and another movie for this month.

Museum Services: 1) There were nine meetings and five tours in the museum during May; and 2) June Felton was interviewed by Erik Olson from WPTA-TV, Fort Wayne. The interview and video of the museum can be found on the station’s website under “Videos”.

System Administrator: 1) Karen Hiemstra continues to work on removing social security numbers from patron records. The project is about 1/3 complete; and 2) Positive comments continue for the weekly Title Talk by Karen Hiemstra.

Network Manager: Mr. Burritt has been cabling and marking areas for telephone and paging system set-up.

Marketing: 1) Kristen Gioe and Tylanna Jones were on WBAT on June 7th promoting summer reading; and 2) There was a cover story in the Chronicle-Tribune on June 13th.

Historic Marion Neighborhood Association: Kayla Johnson and Mary Eckerle hope to bring the businesses, churches, non-profits and people from the Library’s neighborhood together to discuss issues and, hopefully, plan a clean-up sometime this year. There was a meeting on Wednesday, May 16th at 5 p.m. at the Library.

Indiana Humanities Grants: Frankenstein/Community Read Grants – 1) Ami Brainerd led the family book discussion of *Frankenstein*. Those who attended had an engaging discussion of the science and ethics of the novel; 2) Bekah Shaffer’s first writing workshop, *Write Your Story*, was on Saturday, June 2nd. Several of the 14 who attended paid for the entire series. At the end of the workshop, one woman said that she’s always wanted to attend a workshop like this. Future workshops will be the first Saturdays of July, August, September, and October at 10 a.m.; and 3) Saturday, October 27th is FrankenFest with a read-a-thon of Mary Shelley’s novel. The novel will be read aloud by volunteers beginning about 9:15 a.m. The day will be filled with activities for all ages including a cartooning workshop, craft and science activities, a TED talk about Frankenstein, and food for purchase.

Philip Gulley – Philip Gulley visited the Library on Saturday, May 19th for an hour of storytelling. As always, he drew a crowd of about 42 people. He graciously signed copies of his books which were sold on that day.

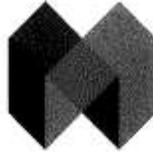
Community Involvement: 1) Sue Bratton helped organize the *Upstairs Downtown* workshop held by SOS on June 16th; and 2) Opportunities for outreach in July and August include the Training Center Field Day, God’s House Festival and the Books & Bikes celebration in the Bend of the River Neighborhood.

Appreciations: 1) June and Rhonda: Great tours! Feedback was good – did not realize a city not that far away had a great museum and genealogy service. Good Luck at getting grants for purpose of restoring floors, etc. Linda Balsiger, West Missionary Church Seniors; 2) “To Karen and company – Wow! I had so much fun at the first write your story class this past week. Thank you for opening the door for me to share the process in a workshop format! It was a privilege! Look forward to sharing more! Bekah Shaffer”; and 3) “Rhonda, Just wanted to say thank-you for digging up some information on our building! It’s always very exciting to learn the history of what came before and be able to better articulate that to the community! I appreciate it. Thanks, Mikayla Marazzi, Grant County Economic Growth Council.”

Adjournment/Next meeting: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 6 p.m.

_____ President _____ Secretary
_____ Member _____ Member

Please see attached from the City of Marion Redevelopment Commission:



CITY of MARION

June 8, 2018

Re: Consolidated, Dollar General, South Marion, Dunham's, Emily Flynn, University Marketplace, General Motors, King's Group, Five Points Mall, I-69 & 18, CIE Marion 18 West

Dear Grant County Auditor, Grant County Council, and all overlapping taxing units:

In accordance with IC 36-7-14-39(b)(4)(B) (the "Act"), the Marion Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission") is hereby notifying you of the following determination that it has made concerning its Tax Allocation Areas for 2018 taxes payable 2019. The Commission has determined that there is no "excess assessed value" that may be allocated to the overlapping taxing units in the manner prescribed in subdivision (1) of the Act.

Regards



President of the Marion
Redevelopment Commission