

January 17, 2017

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

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

On motion of Ms. Sumpter, seconded by Mrs. Enyeart, the minutes of the December 20th meeting was unanimously approved.

On motion of Mrs. Enyeart, 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 \$2,138,507.31 in all funds as of December 31, 2016.

New Business:

Travel, meeting attendance: None this month

Financials: 1) The State Board of Accounts sent the audit report (still no statement); and 2) The 1782 Statement approving the 2017 budget has still not been received; 3) Mrs. Eckerle and Ms. Riddle discussed budget overages in the categories of Copier expenses. This category will be researched. The Board made note of the excellent service given to the Library for years by Dan Young.

Election of officers for 2017: Board member and Treasurer Jerry Holderead has been unable to attend the last three board meetings due to illness. After discussion, it was decided to reopen the board treasurer position. On motion of Ms. Sumpter, seconded by Dr. Case, the Board unanimously elected Debra Enyeart as treasurer. Mrs. Eckerle will contact Insurance Management Group to issue a treasurer's bond in Enyeart's name.

Library Improvement Reserve Fund: The north elevator continues to have issues. This elevator is approximately 26 years old. Equipment is antiquated and can't be fixed. There is need for a new controller, valve and power supply. Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation will be sending an estimate. Could this expense come from the Library Improvement Reserve Fund? On motion of Mr. Ott, seconded by Ms. Sumpter, the Board unanimously voted to take elevator repair costs from the Library Improvement Reserve Fund.

History Made Here project: 1) Karen Vincent and the collections team from Minnetrista visited the museum on Tuesday, December 13th. They were very complimentary about the Gas Boom exhibit as well as the *Discover Earth* exhibit; and 2) John Lightle and Paula Schulz of the Convention and Visitors Bureau met with June Felton, Sue Bratton, Rhonda Stoffer, and Mary Eckerle about Phase 2 of the Museum project. Mary Eckerle gave information about next steps in the Gas Boom exhibit to make it kid-friendly and meet State Education standards. Board members mentioned possibilities for children's activities such as building an oil well, looking into Lego travelling exhibits, and possibly a Victorian dollhouse.

Brain Kitchen: Work continues on the Brain Kitchen with an anticipated starting date of February 1, 2017 for the afterschool program to begin. Roger Marx, Ruthann Sumpter, Debbie Enyeart and Mary Eckerle met with Wendy Puffer to plan furnishings. Items will arrive beginning the week of January 16th. By consensus, the Board agreed that utility expenses for the Jay House could be taken from the Webster Gift Fund for the duration of the Brain Kitchen project. Ms. Riddle will track expenses.

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 changes this month.

Children's/Youth Services: 1) Two movies and crafts were offered during Winter break; 2) Storytimes have resumed with the addition of a Saturday storytime once a month; 3) Since the Library is open on Martin Luther King, Jr. day, there will be make-it take-it crafts, a special book display, and some films will be shown throughout the day; 4) National Soup Day is Wednesday, January 18th and soups will be available in the Children's/Youth Services; 5) The Battle of the Books will be held at St. Paul's gym on Saturday, January 28th. This year, there will be a homeschool team and a St. Paul team. A Family Battle of the Books is being planned for this spring; and 6) Summer Reading dates will be June 5th through July 15th. The theme is *Build a Better World*.

Indiana History & Genealogy: 1) Staff members are working on various projects and assisting people with genealogy help in person and online; and 2) A volunteer from Carey Services will assist in the Indiana Room with photocopying and organizing materials beginning January 17th.

Museum Services: 1) Attendance in the museum for December was 113 people who signed the attendance book. They were from Ft. Wayne, Albany, Terre Haute, Muncie, and Anderson, IN, and From Illinois, Mississippi, Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky.

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Reference Services/Adult Programming: 1) The Discover Earth display is getting lots of attention upstairs. Everyone particularly enjoys the weather forecasting station; 2) 32 patrons attended the first Saturday movie; 3) The Barb Wilson book discussion group discussed *The Story of My Life* by Helen Keller on January 11th. Next up is *The Orphan Train*; 4) Stan Steiner is donating his extensive collection of War of 1812 materials; and 5) The fiction area weeding project is nearly complete. A non-fiction inventory is the next project.

Teen Programming: 1) The teens made a memory Mason jar on January 11th; and 2) OTAKUS meets January 13th.

Circulation: a) Currently weeding the fiction audiobook collection and adding new titles to this collection.

Network Manager: The wireless project is consuming most of Mr. Burritt's time this month.

Marketing: 1) Mike Cline and Mary Eckerle were guests on WBAT on Thursday, January 5th.

STEM grant/exhibit: 1) *Discover Earth* will remain at MPL until March 10, 2017. Upper Wabash Interpretive Services from the Salamonie Reservoir presented *Centennial Stories from Nature* on Wednesday, December 28th. Local schools have been invited to attend. Allen School sent four 3rd grade classes on January 11th and 12th. January programs include a STEAM Festival, EcoBot Challenge, Karen Land & her sled dog and a Science Saturday. February programs include Dr. Jerry Sweeten talking about the Eel River, Indiana & Michigan Solar Farm, Science Camp, and Science Saturday.

Staff development: Area libraries are invited to Staff development day on January 19th. Paula Newcom will present programs on Maker spaces, Apps, and Passive Programming. The Marion Public Library will not close for this; rather, staff will rotate in and out of the programs.

Community Involvement: 1) Allen School visited the *Discover Earth* exhibit; 2) AARP tax help will be offered again beginning in February. Training took place the week of January 9th; 3) Children's Library staff visited Riverview School in December; 4) The Library will work with the Area Plan Commission on their next Grant County survey; and 5) The American Red Cross had a successful blood drive at the Library on December 29th.

Appreciations: 1) "Hello Ms. Stoffer, Thank you for the Point Isabel school article. Now, I know a little more about the school and area served....Regards, James M. Clark."

Adjournment/Next meeting: Tuesday, February 21st at 6 p.m.

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