

April 18, 2023

The Marion Public Library Board of Trustees met Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 6 p.m. in the 2nd floor Library Program Room of the Marion Public Library. Present were Ms. Ketcham, Mrs. Nicholson, Mr. Cline, Mrs. Pogue and Dr. Case. Jonie Riddle and Mary Eckerle were also present. Mr. Lutton was absent. Ms. Sumpter joined via zoom. This meeting was zoomed with two viewers.

Library Board President Jeremy Case called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Cline, seconded by Ms. Ketcham, the minutes of the March 21 meeting was unanimously approved.

On motion of Mr. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Nicholson, the Treasurer's report and payment of the docketts were unanimously accepted and payment authorized. The register of claims is made as a part of these minutes.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2,603,463.54 in the Library Operating Fund as of February 28, 2023.

Business:

Technology – Request for Equipment: The 2023 plan is to replace several staff and public computers at a cost of approximately \$38,400 pending Board approval.

Replacements include: 16 public computers at Reference, 3 staff computers at Circ, 2 Museum staff computers, 2 staff computers in Technical Services, and 3 public OPAC (card catalog) computers. Mr. Cline suggested that we check the Indiana Code to make sure that three quotes aren't required for this purchase. On motion of Ms. Ketcham, seconded by Mr. Cline, the Board unanimously approved spending up to \$40,00 for these technology needs. Mrs. Eckerle will make sure that this is compliant with the Indiana Code.

Museum/Jay House development: Wendy Puffer hopes to move Marion Design Company out of the Jay House in late April/early May. Marion Design Co. & Kennedy Art Center will have a Grand Opening and Art Exhibition on May 5 from 5 to 8 p.m. at 326 Washington Street with a ribbon cutting at 5:30 p.m. There will be discussion of future plans for the Jay House and Museum. Mary Eckerle proposed using the Jay House for retreats and special meetings after the Marion Design Company and the Brain Kitchen remove their items from the House. Kelsey Winters is working on this project with Mrs. Eckerle.

State Legislature update: Mary Eckerle shared updates on what is happening in Indianapolis regarding library concerns. There was no recent movement on the bills that concerned school and public librarians. The Legislative session ends the week of April 24.

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

Materials and Services: Statistics were presented at the meeting.

Staff: 1) Madisyn Timmons will become the full-time Teen Librarian on April 18; and 2) Kelsey Winters will become full-time on May 1, 2023.

Travel & Meeting: May 12, 2023, North Webster Community Public Library, NICCL meeting, Paul Burritt, mileage.

Properties: Roger Marx and Paul Burritt were able to identify and fix the water leak in the Children's Department. Several of the original cast iron pipes in the building are rusted, rotting, and cracking. As they find problems, Mr. Marx and Mr. Burritt are replacing them with plastic pipes.

Children's/Youth Services: 1) During "Read Across America Week" in March, children could pick up a paper map of the United States and check out and read five picture books or one chapter book about a state and then receive a prize. Sixteen children participated; 2) The Children's Department was decorated in a Hawaiian theme during Spring Break and had a different activity at each table. A different program was offered each day making for a very busy week; 3) During the "leak" incident, Children's staff switched the beginning to read and the audio book sections. Also, the play area is now outside of the Children's Activity Room and the back area is to be used for a quiet study area; and 4) 24 programs were offered by the Children's Department in March.

Reference Services/Adult Programming: 1) This department had several nice displays for the month of March including Women in History, the Salem Witch Trials, Aliens/Alien Abduction, Dungeons & Dragons, and crocheted items; 2) The March book discussion had nine attendees; 3) The March craft program had four in attendance for making button bouquets. Mrs. Dixon also did this as a program at the Senior Center. Liz Wright invited her to do a monthly program at the Senior Center; 4) And Carol Powers presented a workshop on Pysanky egg decorating.

Indiana History and Genealogy: 1) Rhonda Stoffer is still working with Bill Munn to set up a Zoom local history presentation on Grant County in the Civil War; 2) Mrs. Stoffer attended the Indiana Genealogical Society conference in Fort Wayne on April 1; 3) Update on the county records digitization project: Kim Walker, who is doing the scanning on the project, has finished with the records in the courthouse and has moved to the records room at the annex to scan the records housed there; and 4) The Indiana History & Genealogy Department welcomed these new volunteers – Debbie Ackley, Sandy Dunn, Mary Gary and Bria Coil. They will be working on various projects.

Circulation: Michelle Morgan reported that the Art print and DVD collections are being weeded in time for the annual Book Sale.

Museum: 1) Collen Cramer continues the Object Inventory of the Museum; 2) Kelsey Winters and Collen Cramer are designing a display for National Library Week; 3) Collen spoke about Public History to a Taylor University class; 4) Held a review of donations; e) Continues grant preparation for a Charm Grant and a grant request to the Indiana Historical Society; 5) Hosted the Diane Hunter lecture; and 6) Increased the History Center's social media presence (by 88.9% on Instagram and 103.4% on Face Book).

Technical Services: 1) TS staff have weeded in preparation for the book sale; 2) Kristen Gioe will virtually attend the COSUGI conference April 25-27. She is looking forward to some of the sessions.

Teen Department: Kristen Gioe welcomes Madisyn Timmons as the new Teen librarian. Kristen has been in that position since July of 2010 and is excited to see great things happen in the teen world!

Network Manager: 1) Paul Burritt is working on the Computer Replacement schedule for this year; and 2) He has almost completed the Windows 11 upgrades on staff and patron computers.

Events/Programs: 1) Seed Starts with Master Gardeners Barbara Jones & Sue Isaacs. Wednesday, April 19 @ 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Program Room; 2) Meet the Author, Libby Carty McNamee. Wednesday, April 19 @ 5:30 p.m. via Zoom in Meeting Room B. Sponsored by the General Francis Marion Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; 3) Ribbon Cutting for the Legal Help Kiosk. Friday, April 21 @ 10:30 a.m. on the 2nd floor of the Marion Public Library; and 4) Meet the Author, David Cole. Monday, May 15 @ 5:30 p.m. Meeting Room B. The Math Kids series author.

Marketing: Mary Eckerle handled the radio slot on WBAT on April 6.

Nalox Box: The Nalox Box is here and located by the bus stop on Washington Street. A volunteer is assisting with the replacement of Narcan when needed. He reports that it is getting used.

Friends Book Sale: This is scheduled in the Atrium beginning Friday, April 21 and continuing until most of the books are gone.

SOS: Colleen Cramer reports that 1) SOS has begun its strategic planning to revamp the organization and several new members have been added to the interim transitional board including Brian and Dian Conwell, Torianna McNair, David Cain, Reba, and Julia Autry; and 2) More restoration work has been done on the Train Depot for the Quilters Hall of Fame; 3) Still looking for a buyer for the Firestone building, work has been done on restoration for it; and 4) Ice Cream Social at the Quilters Hall of Fame is being planned for the Summer.

Grant County Historical Society: no update since the March news.

Imagination Library: The United Way officially launched the Dolly Parton Imagination Library for children in Grant County from 0-6. It is wonderful to have funding for the Program again.

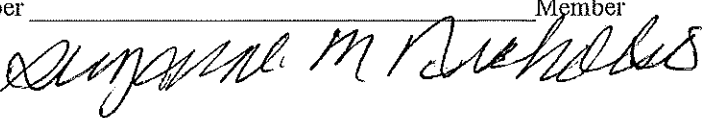
Boots Street Garden: The Alliance Garden people from IWU and the Marion Community Garden folk will be tending this garden this year. Plots will be available for those who want them. If possible, the group hopes to get someone from the GC Mission's Recovery group to manage the Garden.

Community Outreach: 1) Kristen Gioe, Tylanna Jones and Mary Eckerle attended the PCA workshop on April 10. The topic for the morning was "Navigating the Internet in a Digital World". Communities and organizations must learn how to protect children in this world of devices, social media, and various apps and chatrooms. Cyberbullying was discussed at length. Detective Darin Odier of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and FBI Task Force conducted the workshop; 2) The 2023 Cancer Walk of Hope is being held on Friday, May 5. The Library will field a team; 3) Staff is collecting for the Grant County Humane Society AND displaying a variety of fiction books with cat and dog themes; 4) MPL is working with Radiant Health to plan this year's Mental Health Fair to be held on Wednesday, May 17 at Matter Park; 5) There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive in Meeting Room B on Tuesday, June 6 from 9 until 3 pm; and 6) Mary Eckerle is working with Barb Pack of First United Methodist Church, Liz Wright from the Senior Center, and Kayla Johnson from the City of Marion to plan and coordinate activities at our location during the Discover Downtown event in Marion in July.

Appreciations: 1) "Mary and Kelsey, Thank you both for your help and for allowing us to use the Jay House. We had a great time in such a beautiful space. I hope many more groups can use this incredible home as we continue to grow as a community. Christina." And 2) "Renee, I got everything in the email. thank you so much for all that you have done for me. I was so excited about this information; I had to go next door and share it with the previous Homeowner, Paul Swanner. Paul said he had always wondered who had built the house. I had even shared with him about the furniture store on the corner. He said he remembered it being on Main Street. We find it to be interesting that we are only the fifth owners in the 110 years that this house has been standing. Please share my appreciation with all that have had a hand in finding all this history for me. Thank you again for your work. Sincerely, Rick Marroni."

Adjournment/Next meeting: Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

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