

July 19, 2022

The Marion Public Library Board of Trustees met Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at 6 p.m. in the second floor Library Program Room of the Marion Public Library. Present were, Mrs. Cline, Mrs. Nicholson, Ms. Ketcham, Mr. Cline, and Dr. Case. Mr. Lutton and Ms. Sumpter were absent. There were no participants on Zoom.

Mrs. Cline called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Cline, seconded by Ms. Ketcham, the minutes of the June 21, 2022, meeting was unanimously approved with three changes.

On motion of Mr. Cline, seconded by Ms. Ketcham, 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 \$2,677,179.15 in the Library Operating Fund as of June 30, 2022.

New Business:

Technology: The new server arrived but there was a hardware issue, so it had to be returned.

Policies/Legislation: Mary Eckerle gave an update on the firearms policy and the Animals in the Library policy. She will meet with Michael Hotz, board attorney with questions regarding both policies.

Budget 2023: Mary Eckerle and Jonie Riddle will meet with Ryan Burke from the Department of Local Government Finance on July 22. He will assist in preparing the required forms.

Public Library Standards: The Indiana Library & Historical Board found Marion Public Library to be in compliance with the Public Library Standards (5901AC 6) for 2021.

Bandwango: Indiana State Library is launching Indiana Library Passport, a mobile-exclusive, gamified passport that allows visitors, locals, and others to check in to local libraries. Marion Public Library will participate in this passport. It is still very new so there will be more information soon.

E-Rate Resolution: A Resolution to continue in the Indiana State Consortium for Public Library Internet Access for Funding Year July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, will be presented. This is an annual renewal. The Consortium provides e-rate services for Indiana libraries. On motion of Mrs. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Cline, this Resolution was unanimously approved.

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

Materials and Services: Statistics were presented at the meeting.

Staff: The Custodian position remains open.

Travel & Meetings: 1) SirsiDynix User Group annual conference, Johnson County Indiana, Kristen Gioe, registration, mileage; and 2) Youth Services Conference, Sunday, August 21-Monday, August 22, Plainfield, Indiana, Tylanna Jones and Kristen Gioe, registration, lodging, and mileage.

Properties: Roger Marx is 1) Preparing for exterior building cleaning; 2) Quilt Show preparation; 3) New security camera installation; and 4) Preparing for storm drain installation.

Neighborhood: 1) The cars in the "Used Car Lot" at 7th & Boots were towed by Shrout's Towing and the City of Marion; and 2) Jonie Riddle and Mary Eckerle called Blinn Enterprises and begged them to clean up their properties.

Children's/Youth Services: a) There are two Grab and Go projects each month. This month's projects are a Sailboat and a Sea Anemone bracelet; b) Programs include Storytime, Animals with hedgehog Hannah, STEAM, Movies, Lego Club, Lunch in the Courtyard, and the Summer Reading Club with 668 readers; c) The Children's Department is partnering with Salamonie Lake and their new Trail Tales which will be like a StoryWalk. This is an exciting opportunity to encourage families to read while they are out in nature. Many library families visit Salamonie for their Forest Preschool, and it is hoped that this project will attract new visitor the MPL.

Reference Services/Adult Programming: a) June began the Summer Reading Program for patrons. There are 246 adult participants with 145,132 minutes read so far. There are goal prizes and a drawing at the end; b) Programs in June included the Book Discussion group and various craft programs. All were well received; and c) There were displays on Juneteenth, Pride Month and Pearl Bassett.

Circulation: a) The monthly patron count continues to increase. The June count increased by 1300 from the previous month; b) and fourteen people signed the Garfield Guest book in June. Visitors came from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Illinois.

Indiana History & Genealogy: 1) The county records digitization project has slowed during June due to staff vacations and sickness; 2) There have been several unique requests and searches lately. People are glad to have this department open again.

Museum: 1) There is a summer intern in the museum; 2) The Carnegie Lecture series began on June 24. The next lecture is on July 29 at 5 p.m.; 3) and the Museum has begun the process of writing a grant to the Ball Brothers Foundation for the purpose of acquiring a new Epson Scanner.

The meeting for the Strategic Plan will be held on July 19.

Collen Cramer and Jen Meyer retrieved some pieces of the Taylor Dome after it was torn down. Mr. Cramer had received calls/emails begging him to save pieces of it.

Teens: 1) eleven teens attended the Anime club in June. It is great to see teens coming into the library again; 2) Teen Takeover is going well; 3) Teen tie dye was fun. The teens dyed shirts and pillowcases; and 4) Summer reading is going well with 125 teens signed up.

Technical Services: 1) Kristen Gioe continues to monitor spending on materials for the year; and 2) She plans to attend the INSirsi User Group conference in August.

Network Manager: 1) A new server has been ordered but the order is on hold due to hardware issues with the manufacturer; 2) The new digital signage is up and running; and 3) The security camera system is up and working well.

Marketing: Mary Eckerle brought museum assistant Jen Meyer to WBAT on July 1. They talked about future dreams for the History Center with Tim George.

Quilt Show: The Quilters Hall of Fame has its annual Quilt Celebration on July 21-23. The Library and History Center will host workshops, displays, lectures and a silent auction during that time.

SOS: SOS has acquired the Firestone Building across the street. The plan is to fix it up and flip it in the hopes that something worthwhile will want it.

Community Outreach: 1) The History Center collaborated with SOS and Discover Downtown for a downtown tour of buildings in June; 2) The museum will provide artifacts for the upcoming Open House at General Motors; and 3) Traditional Arts Indiana sent their first rotating display on Miami Indian ribbon work – MPL is one of the libraries receiving displays from them.

Adjournment/Next meeting: Tuesday, August 16, at 6 p.m.

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