

DODGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

October 12, 2020
(Held using Zoom)

The Board of Trustees of the Dodgeville Public Library Foundation met Monday, October 12, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. virtually via Zoom.

Present: Vanderloo, Howard, Zimmerman (by phone), Decker, Tremelling, McDonald, Stangel; Carol Murphy, library staff.

Vanderloo called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. and declared the meeting duly posted. She declared the agenda for this meeting approved as written and minutes of the September meeting approved as sent out to all members. There were no objections

Old Business:

a. Library Project. Per Stangel: the question is how we proceed. Members discussed possible locations. The property next to Culver's is still available, not the ideal location but may be the best available. Stangel said she would like a decision on the land, so that even if we have to delay building, we can do fund raising for the new building. That is a more long-term goal. Her short-term goal is that we need more space now. We cannot open the library for more personal services at this time. She said that she was thinking about opening a storefront location for the large print, local history, 4 computers, periodicals and newspapers, which would open up more space in the library itself. She does not think the Foundation should have to pay for this. Decker suggested approaching the city, because we cannot use all the space in the current building that we are supposed to have, and requesting more funds to do this. Zimmerman suggest we let the city know we have discussed this and want them to take action. After lengthy discussion, Decker moved that the Library Foundation would like the city to pursue the Nielson property (by Culver's), pending other options to be found by the city, and ask that the city move as quickly as possible to secure the property for the new library. Second by McDonald. She advised the address is 1114 N. Johnson Street, consisting of 3.44 acres, at a listed price of \$335,000. Motion carried, no negative vote.

New Business:

a. Donations for Fundraiser Auction. We have 12 quilts that have been donated. Stangel said they have not decided on a live auction or online.

b. Concerns and Comments of the Board. More discussion of property in the downtown area.

Treasurer's Report: Decker reported that we are up by about \$18,000, for a total in investments of \$1,342,189.66. Most of the increase is interest on the CDs. Zimmerman has been in contact with Bob Albright about the transfer to low-risk bonds.

Next meeting: Stangel said that Paul Weber, the Dodgeville School District Superintendent, can attend our meetings if we switch to the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We also have another board member, Kelli Rowen. She reminded the board that we have been considering changing the bylaws to add more community members to the board. This can be on next month's agenda. The next meeting will be November 16, 2020 at 5 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Howard