

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 11, 2020

Virtual meeting using Zoom

The Board of Trustees of the Dodgeville Public Library met Monday, May 11, 2020, using Zoom for a virtual meeting online.

Present: Vanderloo, Howard, Tremelling, Meinholz, Radosevich, McDonald, Stangel; Mayor Todd Novak; Carol Murphy, library staff. Also, two members of the public attended virtually.

Vanderloo called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. and, there being no objection, declared the meeting duly posted and the Agenda for this meeting and minutes of the April meeting approved as sent out.

Old Business:

a. Library Building Project. See Foundation minutes. Vanderloo summarized that the project is on hold and that the library board is cognizant of the public's nervousness because of the pandemic so we are moving forward slowly.

b. Equipment order. The computers are delivered and will be brought to the library. Carol Murphy will set them up and will get online support from Lakeshore this week. This is 12 computers with monitors and software, some for the public and some for the staff. She said they library was able to get in on a bulk purchase at a really good price. Stangel said she requested the City Council to release the funds from the library technology fund. Vanderloo asked about the old computers. Murphy said they are arranging to do something, possibly sell or donate the monitors. There are only 2 towers, and those will be stored here at least for now as back up.

c. COVID-19 Pandemic. Stangel reported that she is working with the state library guidelines and that we are at Library Services Level 2. We are closed to the public but are providing curbside pick-up for books and other materials from our library only. All programs are online. The next phase would allow for "zoning" in the library, and she is investigating how to set it up. Computers, the reading room and proctoring would be available, through appointments. The system is looking at a grant for Beanstack, which is an online reading platform for the state's libraries. She does not know when the vans will start back up. There is no van service now. Meinholz asked about fines – they are not being assessed for now. He suggested this might be the ideal time to stop collecting fines at all. Radosevich suggested looking at the hardship rule. Stangel will put fines on next month's agenda.

New Business:

Stangel asked the board to think about the subject of branch libraries. The state does not want any more small libraries, but communities that want a public library can become branch libraries. Right now Dodgeville has outreach relationships with Hollandale, Highland and Ridgeway. She asked members to look at the material regarding Potosi and the other information she provided and get back to her with any questions. She will have more information later. McDonald entered the meeting.

Librarian's report: Stangel said that the state invested \$250,000 in more online books and the system put in \$3000 for more online materials and licensing. The Book It & Bag It is very popular right now. People can order by phone, online or email. Carla is back full time now, and two pages have come in to help for 2 days. Returned materials are left to sit for 72 hours before putting back on the shelves, and all DVDs are cleaned and sanitized.

Concerns and Comments of the Board: McDonald thanked Stangel and staff for doing what they are doing. Mayor Novak said he commended Stangel and Murphy on behalf of the city for doing a good job and for updating the city about what is happening with the library. He said he has heard good comments from the public as well.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance is \$299,926.03. The bill for SWLS for NetSW and technology will be paid this month. She looked back at this bill over the years. It is only \$70 higher than last year, and she thinks it is very reasonable for this service. The system has now hired a new technology person.

McDonald moved that bills in the amount of \$23,353.49 be accepted for payment. Motion seconded by Howard. Motion to pay the bills approved with no negative vote.

Next Meeting: June 8, 2020, immediately following the Library Foundation Board meeting at 5 p.m. Election of officers will be held.

The Mayor commented that he had recently reappointed Howard and Decker to the board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Howard