

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

February 10, 2020

The Board of Trustees of the Dodgeville Public Library met Monday, February 10, 2020 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Decker, Howard, Tremelling, Meinholz, McDonald, Stangel; Carol Murphy, library staff.

Vice President Decker called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m. and, there being no objection, declared the meeting duly posted and the Agenda for this meeting and minutes of the January meeting approved as printed.

Old Business:

a. Library Relocation/Referendum: Brief discussion. Stangel said that there has been further discussion with PigglyWiggly; there may be a “glitch” in the location because there is one person in the main office who is unfamiliar with Dodgeville and is worried about losing visibility. For now she is referring to the PigglyWiggly parking lot as the “preferred location.” Further contact will be made with PigglyWiggly corporate office. She said that someone had approached her about the Powell property as a possible location.

b. Staff Job Descriptions. This will be postponed to the next meeting.

New Business:

a. 2019 Annual Report. Stangel reported that she is still working on it because the program has a few glitches. She said as expected, circulation and door count is down, while electronic circulation and programs are up. Many of the programs cannot be done in the library and are instead downstairs, which reduces the number of people going through the library door. She will send out the report by email when it is completed, before sending it to the state. Decker asked if the library would likely experience a bump up in usage when the new building is open. She said she thinks that would happen, as surrounding libraries did experience increases in visits and circulation after building/expanding.

b. Staff Vacation Carryover. Stangel said that the Mayor suggested she bring up her carryover vacation and request that the board extend the time period for her to take these days off. She has 37 hours that she has carried over from last year. McDonald moved that we extend the time for her to use this vacation carryover to December 31, 2020. Howard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Librarian’s report: Stangel said that so many people don’t seem to know what a library means by “programming.” She said teen programming has slowed down, partly because the teen pages are so busy in other activities. The library will host a group that is helping people register to vote. She and Carol Murphy and Nancy Howard will attend Library day at the Capitol tomorrow.

Concerns and Comments of the Board: Meinholz asked if we had a strategic plan. Stangel said that we had one, which was completed in 2014. It is a 5-year plan so we should do it again. McDonald asked if it would be done in segments during the regular board meetings or if we should set aside a specific time just for updating the plan. The strategic plan will be put on the next meeting Agenda to discuss how to do this.

Members need to leave the meeting because several are attending events at the school to share information about the proposed library.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by McDonald, second by Decker, to approve bills in the amount of \$6,307.35. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: March 9, 2020, immediately following the Library Foundation Board meeting at 5 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Howard

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