

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

September 10, 2018

The Board of Trustees of the Dodgeville Public Library met Monday, September 10, 2018 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Present: Vanderloo, Zimmerman, Decker, Howard, Meinholz, Houck, McDonald, Stangel.

President Vanderloo called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. and declared the meeting duly posted and Minutes of the August board meeting and the Agenda for this meeting approved, with no objection.

Old Business:

Library Expansion was discussed at this time. McDonald had prepared a preliminary Power Point presentation for use at the next city council meeting. Vanderloo will probably be unable to attend that council meeting, but Decker will attend and speak on behalf of the board at that meeting on Tuesday, September 18. (Meinholz entered the meeting.) Board members reviewed the 9 slides and discussed what should and should not be included on the slides. The goal is to keep the presentation short and to the point, but to include enough information for the city council to understand what we have done and what we need from the city council before we can move on with expansion. McDonald and Stangel will get together to edit the slides and prepare the supporting information. (McDonald left the meeting) Stangel asked board members to review the slides and suggest pictures to go with them and send any suggestions to her.

a. Iowa County Library Plan. Stangel reported that the Iowa County Board passed the Plan as presented. The plan includes increasing the county's support for circulation by 2%, and then another 2% to go to promotion of the libraries in Iowa County, beginning in 2019. The committee that drafted this library plan was an ad hoc committee. The County Board has a chair person for the actual county library committee, but additional members have not yet been appointed.

b. Technology Upgrades. The new copy machines are installed. They were obtained from Gordon Flesch. The monthly cost is about \$5 less than we were paying for the 2 machines on the previous contract. The third copy machine, which is no longer necessary, was not under a plan. She would like to have staff trained to be able to use the fax and scan to disk options on the copiers, as this is a service the library is frequently asked to provide but has not been doing.

She also informed the board that the SWLS system has had a contract with a tech company, but the system would like to look at other options at this time. There are possibilities to contract with South-central library system or Lakeshore System instead. The need is for 24/7 coverage for all the libraries in the system, and SWLS is looking for better service than what they have currently.

New Business:

Request to Close Library November 16 for Staff Training. Stangel requested approval for closing the library on November 16 so all staff can attend training. Zimmerman moved to approve closing the library for staff training on November 16, second by Decker, motion carried.

Librarian's Report:

Stangel had updated the Current Project list and provided copies to members along with pictures of current library projects. The Public Library System Redesign Project should have a final report ready for delivery to the State School Superintendent by December 10.

The Iowa County HeART coalition will be part of a meeting in October in Waupun to discuss the results of the survey and then look at a community plan.

The Behavioral Health Taskforce will participate in a fall summit at UW Platteville on October 23. She said we are invited to attend this. Also the Community Resource Guide is ready to print, and Iowa County Social Services will take responsibility for keeping it updated.

The United Fund grants have been put to use. Equipment for projects to Tinker Tuesdays was purchased through the grant. St. Joseph's School has expressed interest in incorporating these projects with their school visits to the library. Discussion followed regarding St. Joe's schedule. One concern is that we do not get "credit" for all the books that are circulated because they go under an institution card rather than individual cards. Stangel is looking at ways to work on that. Services to St. Joe's are also something we should make people in the community, in particular students' parents, aware of as we talk about our library expansion and the costs of that expansion.

Stangel also said that the Ridgeway outreach is going really well. Carol Murphy is in charge of that. (Decker left).

Houck and Zimmerman said that they would like to see the Ron Dentinger Collection on shelves in the city council room.

Stangel showed some of the lap blankets that were tied by the teen group as a caregiver project. The teens' next project will be making up packets for the holiday programs this winter.

Houck suggested that we show the memory kits (Remembrance Kits) to the city council members sometime, to illustrate what the library has been doing in the community.

Concerns and Comments of the Board. Vanderloo mentioned that she noticed the discussion about the school calendar and summer programs, and she advised that the library should contact the public relations person for the school district. Stangel says that the library will be included on the summer programming schedule next year.

Treasurer's Report. Zimmerman moved that bills in the amount of \$7,212.21 be approved for payment. Houck seconded the motion. Motion was carried with no objection.

Next Meeting: October 8, 2018, 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Howard