

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, October 18, 2021

(held in person and via Zoom)

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, October 18, 2021 both in person and via Zoom.

Present: Vanderloo, Zimmerman, Decker, Stangel, Howard, Wepking, Tremeling, Murphy

Absent: McDonald, Weber

Vanderloo called the meeting to order at 5:27 pm and there being no objections, declared the meeting duly posted. The Agenda for this meeting was declared approved and the September minutes were approved and emailed to members. There were no objections.

Closed Session: All in attendance approved to go into closed session. Motion by Zimmerman, 2nd by Wepking.

Motion to move back to Open Session by Zimmerman, Second by Decker. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 3.5% wage increase for all Library employees by Stangel – Decker 1st approval, Wepking second. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Stangel submitted the 2022 budget to the board. Noted that the Annex \$5k cost from the foundation and from the city are not yet paid in 2021. Vanderloo stated “the Annex budget should be in the official library budge, not being deducted from our carry over dollars. The Annex is outreach and should be funded as such.”

Stangel report the Iowa County dollars this year should come in at 72%, up from 70% last year and with an expected increase to 73% the following year. This extra funding is expected to be, and should be, used for outreach programs and initiatives.

Stangel updated the board regarding our work on a grant allowing money to be used for RFID for our library and all others in the SW library system. She also stated this initiative will not be fundable without the grant money given the expense and labor needed to implement.

New Business:

Outreach: Another successful local Author talk was held at the main library on October 14th. The author was Bruce Calhoun who discussed his young adult book, Ardennia.

The Historic Preservation committee met at the Annex on the eve of October 13. Many compliments paid to the Annex.

Google Maps met with Stangel regarding a marketing package for shooting stills and panoramas inside the main library and the annex on November 16th at a cost of approximate cost of \$600. Decker noted

any way we can promote the library right now is a good expenditure. Zimmerman motioned to approve the expenditure, Decker seconded.

Stangel stated the library received great pictures and press regarding all the projects done over the last year with the Heart Coalition. The press and pictures can be used on our website for promotion.

Librarians Report:

Including all stated in new and old business, Stangel also reported the Ridgeway Volunteer library continues to do well with more citizens visiting daily. A book club was started by a couple of her young volunteers for children in the third and fourth grade range. Brooklyn Murphy was hired at Ridgeway as a page working 2:30 to 6:00 every Wednesday. Brooklyn will also be trained to work at the main Dodgeville Library.

Concerns or comments from the Board: None

Treasurer's Report:

Stangel reported unexpended funds of \$144,468.61. We have used 65% of budgeted funds to date.

Stangel requests to pay \$7,505.83 in bills. Decker motioned to pay the bills, Zimmerman second. Motion carried.

Future Meetings:

The next meeting will be on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Murphy/Stangel