

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, November 15, 2021

(held in person and via Zoom)

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, November 15th 2021 both in person and via Zoom

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

Absent: Weber, Decker, Rowan

Public: Larry Nelson

Vanderloo called the meeting to order at 5:25 pm and there being no objections, declared the meeting duly posted. The Agenda for this meeting was declared approved and the October minutes were approved and emailed to members. There were no objections.

Old Business: The 3.5% wage increase for staff was approved by the board. No finalized budget yet. Good news is there is a lower payment to SWLS this year because Fennimore joined NETSouthwest sharing the cost for VERSO, our web-based, automated circulation system. The Annex and HGA bills are still outstanding with the City. Tomorrow's council meeting will address and approve to pay.

New Business:

An Open House at the Annex and city Holiday Parade will be held on Nov. 27th from 1:00 to 6:00 pm.

Public attendee, Larry Nelson was looking for information and updates regarding the status of the new library project in regards to St. Joseph School usage. Nelson stated that the current location would be preferable for the St. Joseph students to walk to the library for weekly visits. Though a test study is currently being conducted by HGA Architectural firm to determine if it is physically and economically feasible to expand the library at its current location while meeting the space requirements of today's library and anticipating the library needs over the next 25 years Stangel stated this is just an option at this point. Nelson stated he would be a liaison between the library and St. Joe's. Stangel thanked him for attending and hoped that the St. Joseph community would be supportive of the library's future expansion. Mr. Nelson said he will pass this information on.

Policy Review: Nancy Ashmore is working on updating our policies. Stangel sent the updates to the board. Please read through when you can and send any questions to Vickie Stangel.

Librarians Report:

Nancy Ashmore was added to the Dodgeville Library staff in the beginning of November. Nancy will be assisting in putting things in order to ready us for Vickie Stangel's retirement. We are looking to the future as to our needs if the newest version of the building project goes through. All areas need to be in place whether a go or no-go.

Grants applies for: RFID. This would make a huge impact to the SWLS system. If we do not get the grant, we will most likely not be able to implement this anytime in the near future. The decision will be made end of November with a very rapid turnaround of using the funds by June 2022. Another grant is for a book bicycle. Twelve other libraries within and outside of our system banded together for a joint grant.

Nancy Ashmore will also be working on posting the job description for the Director position when Stangel retires the end of January. We need to be transparent in the job description that there is a high possibility of a new library project being a crucial part of the new director's job functions.

Concerns and Comments of the Board: None

Treasurer's Report:

Acceptance of the bills: \$106,786.74. At 74% of budget. Approved unanimously.

Upcoming meetings: Next meeting will be held on December 20th, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

Adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Murphy/Stangel