

DODGEVILLE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, January 9, 2023

The Board of Trustees met on Monday, January 9, 2023 in person.

Present: Vanderloo, Wepking, Ponsler, Howard, Noel, Murphy, Droste, Solberg, McSherry

Missing: Zimmerman, Weber

Vanderloo called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and there being no objections, declared the meeting duly posted. The agenda for this meeting was declared approved and the December minutes were declared approved and emailed to members. There were no objections.

Public Comment: None

Introduce new members to the Board: Jim Droste and Ryne Ponsler

Short Presentation from Shirley Barnes of Plymouth Congregational Church: Shirley and Earl Barnes and Steve Peroni addressed the board regarding the status of the Plymouth Congregational Church. The population of the church has gotten much smaller and older. They brought ideas to the board regarding the future use of the building. They discussed 3 options that they are considering. The first option is the Church building given to a non-profit, the second option is continuing with repairing the building, and the third option-is to sell the building. It is a very historic building, and has a large endowment, but also needs repairs. The congregation would have to approve any decision. With any decision made they discussed sharing the building and continuing with Sunday services. The space is approximately 5,000 sq. ft., with a kitchen and a community room, there also is an elevator. Since the library space needs are greater, it was discussed as a possible temporary space during the renovation of the library.

Old Business

- A. Board Bylaws: The Board went through each section and removed any items that were not necessary, added some items and changed items. Angela will bring the completed by-laws to the next meeting for final approval.
- B. Building Project Update: Angela wrote up a resolution supporting the Dodgeville Public Library Expansion Project. It was mentioned that Mayor Novak had a good conversation with the Armory. It is possible that they could move to the Armory in August. We will need the resolution showing support to begin fundraising. Our Space Needs Assessment is 10 yrs. Old. We need a current needs assessment. FEH could do this at an approximate cost of \$2,000-3,000.00. Angela will reach out to different groups to see who could do this. FEH did different libraries locally.
- C. Friends of Dodgeville Public Library Update: Carol M. talked about the Friends quilt sale at Cobblestone. They sold 23 quilts and made \$3,223. There are plans for another quilt sale in the spring.

New Business

- A. Library Closure Policy: The library will follow the City of Dodgeville Holidays schedule and will close the library on days recognized as holidays for other City departments. If the library needs to adjust their operations due to inclement weather, they will follow the Dodgeville School District. The full closing policy is included in the previous email attachments. Motion made by Howard to accept the new Library Closing Policy as written. Second by Wepking. All in favor. Motion carried.

- B. New Trustee Orientation: Angela will get together some trustee essentials and do a short presentation on a Saturday morning.
- C. Library Website Upgrade: Library website needs a refresh or a total new design. A web designer will work with the website for an update. As far as cost, Angela said the library should be able to budget for this.
- D. Patron Computers: Library has 5 older computers which cannot be updated. Computer usage has dropped. Discussed taking the computers out and investing in laptops. They could be used in the Zoom Room. Approximate cost of a laptop is \$675.00. Motion by Wepking to eliminate the 5 older computers and purchase a laptop. Second by McSherry. All in favor. Motion carried.
- E. Proposed 2023 Staff meeting/training schedule. Angela discussed the in-service dates for staff meetings 4-6 times per year. Motion by Ponsler to approve the 2023 Library Staff In-Service dates as proposed. Second by Solberg. All in favor. Motion carried.
- F. Director 6-month Evaluation Process: Short- and long-term goals. Staff feedback is important. Carol M will do a google doc and send information to Jody to get the survey to the staff.

Library Directors Report

Angela discussed her activities during the month, the collection development and the programming. **Special Note:** Legislation is circling in Madison that would require public libraries and public schools to block children from “inappropriate” and “dangerous” content on computers. Our current computer use policy already complies with the proposed legislation, but this could also be viewed as dismantling the freedom to read. The Wisconsin Library Association is planning to respond with comments. The Library Legislative Day is Tuesday, February 7 in Madison. Board members are invited to participate. Let Angela know by Friday, January 13.

Treasurer's Report

Edward Jones account: \$1,024,000.00. Down \$120,000 this year. Marine Credit Union: \$19,245.00. End of year amounts still pending. We have a balance of \$63,000.00 in carryover funds.

Acceptance of Monthly Bills

Motion by Wepking to accept monthly bills. Second by Howard. All in favor. Motion carried.

Concerns and Comments of the Board

Discussed putting an ad in the Chronicle regarding Saturday hours. Already had good feedback from patrons regarding the Saturday hours.

Future Agenda Items

Foundation Meeting, Edward Jones representative attending a meeting, director evaluation, Annual report and final draft of the By-laws.

Upcoming Meeting: Library Board of Trustees-February 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kari McSherry