

Library Board of Trustees

February 15, 2017

Library Conference Room

Present – Daufeldt, Dew, Gordon, Moravec, Olson, Regennitter, Wojtecki (via phone)

Absent – Gradert, Johnson

Staff – Anderson-Peck, Benefiel, Collins, Fiedler

Friends Rep – None

Call to Order – President Daufeldt called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Approve Agenda – Olson moved to accept the agenda as presented. Second by Regennitter. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes – Gordon moved to approve the minutes of January 18, 2017 as written. Second by Dew. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ratify Bills for Payment – Gordon moved to ratify the following bills for payment. Second by Olson. All ayes. Motion carried.

2-3-17 \$18,777.59

2-17-17 \$ 8,799.85

Citizens Speak – None

Staff Liaison – Benefiel reported that Staff Development Day, held on January 27 at the new location, gave all the staff the opportunity to tour the new building and ask questions.

Friends Report – Collins reported that the Friends' Annual Trivia Night was held February 3 at Boonies. They raised \$1,700, which is only \$100 short of last year's total in spite of the lower attendance this year.

Director's Report – Collins did not have a written report. She reported on the following.

City Budget Hearing – On the whole, the Library's budget hearing went well. One Council member has been quite vocal out in the community, putting a negative light on our new building project. There is concern that this will cause problems with fundraising. Collins and Daufeldt will work on compiling talking points to aid Board members in advocating for donations with other Council members and community members. The City Administrator expressed that the City is prepared to bond for whatever amount is not covered by fundraising.

Old Business

Carver Grant – The grant application was turned in to Carver today. A formal response is expected around the end of April.

Library Fundraising for New Building – It is estimated that we will need to raise funds in the approximate amount of \$600,000, which is in addition to the Carver grant. The Community foundation is interested in helping us by directing funders. Regennitter moved to form a committee to create a plan for fundraising. Second by Gordon. All ayes. Motion carried. Olson agreed to advise the committee on fundraising methods that may work.

Meeting Room Policy – Collins suggested that there be no charge for use of the meeting rooms by non-profit organizations and that for-profit groups be charged a fee for both use and set up. Set up will be done by the Grounds and Buildings Department staff, and only involves the maker space and the large meeting room. Once we get moved in we will see how it goes and adjust as necessary.

New Business

State's Enrich Iowa Funding – Amounts allocated could be decreased by as much as 25% this year. We usually receive between \$4,000 - \$6,000 per year.

Chicago Comic Con – The conference, which is partially sponsored by ALA, will take place in April. Staff member Kimi Bridgewater, along with volunteers Levi and Brock, will attend. Knowledge gained will be used to plan YA and adult programming. We will ask the Friends for funding.

Library Board Term Expirations –The first (6 year) terms of Dew, Gordon, Moravec and Regennitter will end on June 30, 2017. They may choose to go off the Board at that time or sign on for a second 6 year term. Collins asked these four Board members to let the Board know at the March meeting what they intend to do. In the event that some or all decide to not continue for a second term, the Board will have a few months to identify and recruit new members.

Regennitter moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Second by Dew. All ayes. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will be Wednesday March 15, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Gordon, Secretary

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