

Musser Public Library Board of Trustees

Musser Public Library, 408 East 2nd St

February 16th, 2022 5:00pm

Attendance

Present: Pam Collins; Scott Comstock; Jane Daufeldt; Nancy Dew; Jarod Johnson; Anthony Loconsole; Jon Moravec; Bret Olson

Absent: Diana Gradert; Jeanett Martinez

Guest: Greg Benefiel; Robert Fiedler; Mallory Moffitt, secretary

Call to Order: Moravec called the meeting to order at 5:05pm

Approval of Agenda: Date correction, add update on citywide budget under old business; add Fruitland contract options under new business, and move the Director's report to the end of the meeting. Dew moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Daufeldt; Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Olson moved to approve the minutes from January 19, 2022; seconded by Dew; Motion passed.

Ratify Bills for Payment: Olson moved to ratify the bills from 01/21/22 and 02/04/22 as presented; seconded by Daufeldt; Motion passed.

Receive Communications: No report

Citizens Speak: No report

Staff Liaison: Kathy Kuhl started as part-time PR and we had a page quit.

Friends' Report: Friends are meeting on March 2nd after taking a small break this winter.

Training:

- 1. Libraries and Censorship** - There was a challenge to a book at Muscatine High School: *Not All Boys Are Blue*, a memoir of a queer African American man growing up near NYC in a working class community. Complainant would rather it be in a public library than in a school library. All but one person on the panel voted to keep the book. Superintendent got to make the final decision. We might be seeing more challenges here and within the community. If it were to happen at Musser the Director would first talk with the patron(s). From there, there are forms to fill out and then it would finally escalate to the board and we would meet with our consultant at the State Library.

Old Business

- 1. Formally approve the amendment to the By-Laws** – Committees such as Budget and Finance, Library Operations, Building, and Long Range Planning will be appointed as needed by

the President. Olson moved to approve the amendment to the by-laws as discussed during the January 19, 2022 meeting; seconded by Daufeldt; Motion passed.

2. **Budget update** – After the budget hearing, the City Administrator increased our book budget from last year’s amount. Since then the Council has met about funding for outside agencies, to fund a project at the Humane Society they cut budgets.

New Business

1. **Approve proposed budget for FY2023 (Form 2)** - Dew moved to approve the proposed budget for FY23; seconded by Daufeldt; Motion passed.
2. **Approve Strategic Plan for State Accreditation** - Daufeldt moved to approve the Strategic Plan; seconded by Olson; Motion passed.
3. **Finalize State Accreditation Application** - Board representative signed off on paperwork
4. **City of Fruitland** - Our contracts with the surrounding communities have been increased by 3% each year. Fruitland is the only city in the county that is contracting with us. If they don’t contract with us and contract with Wapello they would still be able to use our materials but they would lose a lot of services. We would not be making the same amount from their use from the State that we would through their contract. They are currently paying around \$3500–\$4000; they proposed cutting it to \$2000. There are around 335 Fruitland cardholders with 170 active patrons. Daufeldt moved to freeze the amount of the Fruitland contract at the current rate; seconded by Dew; Motion passed. .

Director’s Report: Concerns about the director’s salary and the pages’ hourly wage were discussed (Council is raising seasonal/temporary another \$2.00 to \$11.25, our pages are still at \$7.25).

Adjourn: Moravec adjourned the meeting at 6:12pm

Next Board Meeting March 16th, 2022