

Musser Public Library Board of Trustees

Musser Public Library, 408 East 2nd St

June 16th, 2021, 5:00pm

Roll Call

Present: Pam Collins; Scott Comstock; Jane Daufeldt; Diana Gradert; Jarod Johnson; Anthony Loconsole; Jon Moravec

Absent: Nancy Dew; Jeanett Martinez; Bret Olson

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

Call to Order: Gradert called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

Approval of Agenda: Daufeldt moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Johnson; Motion Passed

Approval of Minutes: Wording for the closed session needs to be updated and last names added for Joni Axel and Sarah Lande. Moravec moved to approve the amended minutes; seconded by Daufeldt; Motion Passed

Ratify Bills for Payment: Comstock moved to ratify the bills from 05/21 and 06/04 as presented; seconded by Daufeldt; Motion passed

Receive Communications: No report

Citizens Speak: Chris Foss with Old Time Fiddle Tunes (Strum Circle) - Their group has been meeting in Room 301 on Monday nights. Great room but it is hard to hear due to poor acoustics. Leaving the screens and window shades down seems to help improve the acoustics. Room is used for large groups and music performances. Chris has talked with David Mahaffey at HON who has done some work with acoustic tiles. Group is not asking the Library to fund this project; they would get grants or fundraise. Chris proposed bringing in a project manager to tell us what could be done and how much it would cost. Board approved going forward with the acoustic project, Chris will bring back more information to another Board Meeting. Bobby will be the point of contact.

Staff Liaison: Two of our pages have recently graduated: Kylee from high school and Alex from MCC. Bobby called and left a message with our newest staff member today. There were some residency requirements issues that we had to figure out with the City before we could offer her the position.

Friends' Report: Working on finding a fundraiser, Pam is supporting mini golf. The Friends have purchased the camera that will go on the roof. They are currently working on updating Friend's brochure to have at the Library and going through the lists of past members to invite people back to the group.

Director's Report: No report

Old Business

1. **Courtyard Ideas** - Got some buy in from the City to fix up the courtyard area. We will form a committee to look at designs. Pam wants to ask Jean Clark, who came to us with the plant kaleidoscope, and is open to suggestions on who else would be interested in helping.
2. **Update on Summer Reading** - Betty has created a number of treasure hunts instead of in-person programming but Betty and Julie can switch to in-person programming very quickly. It has been going quite well, families seem very happy. The usual crowds are dispersed throughout the day. There are no free snacks this year.

New Business

1. **Council's inquiry into Summer Reading** - There was a rumor that summer reading was canceled so Betty and Pam went to council to promote the program. One council member was very upset that Lapsit has not resumed in-person but Betty is not comfortable resuming it at this time. She is still out in the community doing story times at the Aquatic Center and continues to record programs for Channel 5.
2. **Formally appoint Jane Daufeldt to second full term** - Johnson moved to formally appoint Jane Daufeldt to a second full term on the Library Board of Trustees; seconded by Moravec; Motion passed
3. **Library Board Training** - State would like all Library Boards to have some training. This was first discussed in 2019 but due to the events of the past year it was delayed. Training can be broken up into 15 minute sessions or done in a large session. Pam suggested training on how we are selecting materials with LS&S, how they determine the best use of resources based on circulation statistics, etc. LS&S will be visiting in the near future.
4. **YA Fine Free** - A few years ago we removed late fees on juvenile materials. RiverShare wants to remove fines from YA materials now. Damage and replacement costs will remain. Comstock moved to approve going fine free on young adult material within RiverShare; seconded by Moravec; Motion passed.
5. **Approve Rate of Service for Illinois and Fruitland contracts** - This is the time of year we send the contracts out to the communities that contract service with us. Fees usually go up by 3%. In Iowa: Fruitland, in Illinois: Buffalo Prairie, Eliza, New Boston, and Drury Townships. Because of Illinois Library Law it would cost these townships more for service than contracting with us. Johnson moved to increase the rate of services by 3% for the Illinois Townships and Fruitland; seconded by Daufeldt; Motion passed.

Adjourn: Gradert adjourned the meeting 5:55pm

Next Board Meeting July 21st, 2021