

FLOYD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Minutes (unapproved) of meeting January 4, 2016.

Members present: Rosemary Gabriel, Seth Kaufman, Buffy Hartmann, Peter Sacks and Director Lisa Richland. Absent: Melina Angelson, Diane Mulvaney, Rebecca Miller.

The Board meeting was called to order at 6.03pm.

The minutes of December 7th, 2015 were approved on motion of 1) Kaufman, 2) Sacks, unanimous.

The bills were ordered paid on motion of 1) Gabriel, 2) Kaufman, unanimous. The treasurer's reports were accepted and filed for audit.

Treasurer's Report:

The Wenig Foundation has generously granted the Library \$10,000 for the Read a Recipe for Literacy program, and \$5,000 for development of the Children's Garden. Spending overall is thus far under budget estimates, while income is slightly over projections. The budget outlook is good for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Director's Report:

The Library has received a \$500 check for the teen department from a regular library patron who is very impressed the Young Adult program run by Tracey Moloney. Moloney has used the funds to purchase items to aid YA programming, which was well attended over the school break.

The Library has hired three new circulation clerks. All live in the FML service area and two of them have grown up using the library. The Director is delighted with all three.

Mary Jo Weinig, of the Weinig Foundation has made a donation of \$10,000 to support our participation in "Read a Recipe for Literacy" the after school literacy program that Joe Cortale oversees. The Library will also use those funds to pay the English as a second language instructor, and to pay for an annual theatrical performance on Thanksgiving weekend.

The security company has begun to install the wiring for the cameras. Once they have finished, an electrician will be brought in to complete the LED lighting project.

Poppy Johnson and Janet Olinkiewicz put their heads together and decided that in addition to the regular book discussions, it would be neat to have a discussion about books and reading. No particular book, no assigned reading, no theme, just an opportunity to talk about books loved or hated and why. Another new program follows the example of many other libraries: coloring for adults.

Committees:

Budget + Finance – A committee meeting is being scheduled to review the budget.

Public Relations – The committee has been inactive for some time. After discussion of possible abandonment, it was decided to declare the committee dormant until such time that active public relations oversight by the board is required.

Building – Dates for the building survey presentation by Sand Pebble were discussed. A date in early March is being targeted and will be set before the next board meeting.

Policy – Board member Miller will present a proposal to hold selected board meetings on weekends rather than Monday evenings, in order to better accommodate the schedules of board members that are not full time residents in the area.

Executive session was entered at 6.50pm and concluded at 6.55pm.

The board approved 2016 staff salaries proposed in executive session on motion of 1) Gabriel, 2) Kaufman, unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 6.56pm on motion of Hartmann. The next meeting will be on February 1st at 6.00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Kaufman, secretary