

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NEW ALBANY-FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

JUNE 10, 2019

Presiding Officer: Mr. Roger Whaley, President

Board Members present: Gabrielle Carr, Ann Carruthers, Pamela Poe, Amy Niemeier, Tonye Rutherford, and Steve Burks

Board Members absent: None

Board Attorney: Mr. Jason Lopp was not present.

Staff Members present: Melissa Merida, Sandra Fortner, Carolyn Gerton, Teresa Moulton, Abby Johnson, Luis Munoz, Janet Gifford and Jamie Beaven

Guests present: Ron Stiller, President of Carnegie Center for Art & History, Inc and Drew LaMaster, with Insuramax

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval and signing of Board minutes of May 13, 2019 meeting*
- B. Set Board Meeting for July 8, 2019*
- C. Approval of Bills and Invoices to be paid*
- D. Items to be declared surplus*

Mr. Burks moved: That the consent agenda be approved as read.

Seconded by: Ms. Niemeier

Motion: approved

PUBLIC INPUT

Abby Johnson reported that a StoryWalk will be added to the walking path at Kevin Hammersmith Park. There will be 20 story boards around the path featuring the book “A Big Mooncake for Little Star” by Grace Lin.

PERSONNEL

New Hires:

Part-time Insta-Library Interns:

Ms. Fortner stated that five part-time employees were hired for the Insta-Library Interns. They are Ashia Carr, Brooklyn Duffy, Griffin Grannan, A’Nyha Jefferson, and Chelsea Nevil. They will be on staff from June through August.

Ms. Fortner introduced the recently hired librarians Janet Gifford and Jamie Beaven.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library Updates:

Ms. Merida reported that there will be a ribbon cutting event in the near future to market the StoryWalk installation.

The Summer Reading Program numbers are good, over 3,000 have registered. Teresa Moulton is organizing and directing the Insta-Library. The Free Lunch program has high numbers with 40-50 in the first week which was sponsored by the Library and the New Albany Kiwanis. The Library & Galena experienced high service door counts last week with 5,141 people at the main library. Parking is becoming an issue due to summer programming. Galena had a record high of 98 visits in one day. Carnegie Center also had a wonderful May, with close to 8,000 reached in the new outreach program into the schools.

Ms. Merida met with Jerry Roby on the library's building insurance renewal. There were no surprises. A flood plan will need to be in place in the near future as required by underwriters. The movement of the Indiana Room will be a significant part of the plan.

Ms. Merida stated that she would like to have the piano moved upstairs. All the concerts are held on the upper level in order to accommodate more people. The quote for moving it is about \$350. Mr. Whaley said he will check on getting the piano moved by someone he knows. Tuning the piano will be necessary once moved.

Ms. Fortner stated that there are several programs scheduled this year celebrating Juneteenth. One program will involve use of the piano.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Mr. Whaley reported that the Foundation met and the good news is that the investment is in an economic upturn. At the next meeting a decision will be made on the portion of annual check on profits to be given to the Library.

OLD BUSINESS

Skatepark:

Ron Stiller, President, Carnegie Center for Art & History, Inc, passed out a second draft of the skatepark contract for the board to review. He feels there may be two more drafts before finalizing. Ms. Merida found more corrections, as did Mr. Stiller who is also serving as the Architect for Carnegie Center for Art & History, Inc. It will be made very clear that the Carnegie Center for Art & History, Inc is the signer and responsible for the project in partnership for the skate park project, the Library and all staff, which includes the Carnegie Center for Art & History library staff members to ensure that the library has no liability or participation in the construction project at all. Demolition will start in the next week or two. Verbal commitments from the City are currently in line. It is hoped that site prep will begin in July and entire project completed by the end of the year. More discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Health Insurance:

Mr. LaMaster with Insuramax was present to explain the new health insurance renewals. He distributed specifics regarding the three plans being offered. Last year Humana made an error in the rates they submitted to the State which resulted in an approximate 18 % off, which saved the library about \$21,000 last year. This resulted in a significant increase this year which the Library is able to assist in absorbing some of the costs for the staff and only passing on a minimal increase. Mr. LaMaster explained how each plan works and the cost the library will incur. A discussion followed. (copy appended)

Ms. Niemeier moved: That the recommended Medical Option 2 Plan be approved.

Seconded by: Mr. Rutherford

Motion: approved

Library Piano:

Mr. Whaley reiterated that he will check into getting the piano moved. He stated that the Library would have to have a different company tune it.

Georgetown Library:

Ms. Merida reported that the old bank building in Georgetown was suggested to the Library as a possible branch. Ron Stiller described the building and gave a brief report of its condition as he was the architect for the town of Georgetown on recent building projects for the building. It is located across from Georgetown Town Hall. Ms. Merida was invited to the Town Council meeting for a discussion of the potential project. Nothing definite has been decided at this time. Mr. Whaley suggested that Ms. Merida write a letter to those involved acknowledging interest in the potential partnership to secure a branch in the Georgetown community. The board agreed by consensus. A discussion followed.

Digital Library Cards for high school students:

Ms. Merida reported that she received an email from Dr. Jensen, Associate Superintendent of NAFCS, stating that they have decided to provide access to digital library cards to all students, grades K – 12. This is exciting news as we were just hoping to provide access to high school students, all students is a definite win for extending accessibility to the community. The pilot project for digital library card access started with Community Montessori this past semester and was a huge success.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees.....July 8, 2019

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