

Marion Public Library Board Meeting
Held Via Zoom
Monday, February 8, 2021 @ 5:00PM

Present via Zoom: Susan Kling, Sally Reck, Nancy Miller, Jack Zumwalt, Cara Briggs Farmer, Sandy Rosenberger, Okpara Rice, Kim Rose, Eileen Robinson, Ross McIntyre, Chelsea Nunn, Seth Moomey

Absent: None

Staff: Kelly Dybvig, James Teahen, Kimberly Cowger, Amy Geiger, Renee Greenlee

Friends Rep: Lindsey Weber

Guests: Susan Bloom, Olivia, Will Brandt, Jo

The meeting was called to order at 5:00PM By President, Sally Reck.

Moved by Jack to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Kim. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Moved by Cara to approve the January minutes as presented, seconded by Sandy. All in favor, motion carried.

Library Friends Update: The Friends have developed a new website that is linked from the Library website.

There is going to be a raffle of an artwork print that was donated by a local artist from a Dolly Parton collection to help raise funds for DPIL.

Library Foundation/Capital Campaign Update: The Capital Campaign has raised \$2,511,053. Amy will send a list of potential donors to Board Members and Members are asked to talk to anyone on the list that they may have as a contact.

Financial Report: Lon and Zach will be at the March Board Meeting to discuss the library budget for next year. The only new budget asks we have are new building related. Particularly when it comes to having part-time staff available to set up the interior of the new library.

Committee Reports:

Art Committee: N/A

Personnel Committee: N/A

Policy Committee: Collection Development Policy and Request for Reconsideration Form. Moved by Okpara to approve the Policies as presented, seconded by Cara. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business: Parking—There was unanimous City Council support for two temporary 10 minute parking spots in front of the Uptown Library Branch. Public Service will install signs soon.

New Business: Robins Contract: The contract for Robins is through FY23 but the amounts Robins is to pay each year was only listed through FY21. There is an MLN desire to have Robins pay the same amount as last year and in the future a new simplified/standard contract be developed for Robins/Alburnett/Palo.

Cara made a motion to approve the amount of the \$39,961.96 for the upcoming fiscal year for our contract with Robins, seconded by Sandy. All in favor, motion carried.

Linn County Contract: We received \$70,555.81 from Linn County this year, which is a reduction from last year.

Director's Report: Stats: Circulation is starting to trend upwards as are the number of visits to Uptown and the Columbus Club. There have been many calls about income taxes and COVID vaccines.

It is possible we may start some in person programming in March.

New Building Project Update: The Board will be receiving a monthly report of milestones in the project. There will be a steel beam for the building that Board Members can sign and there will be a Topping Off Ceremony when it is put in place.

Staff Updates: Kelly will be leaving on February 24th. There will be a change of status to keep Kelly on as a part time library

employee (5-10 hours per pay period), until a new director is hired. James Teahen will serve as acting Interim Director with the Leadership team will take on some duties.

Director Search Update: Bradbury Miller has informed us that we already have 3 applicants. The position has been posted on the City website, any applicants would still need to apply through Bradbury Miller. The position will remain posted until early March.

Board Continuing Education:

Kim Rose—ILA Anti-Racism and Equity Mindedness Workshop on January 13, 2021

Moved by Susan to adjourn, seconded by Okpara. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:05PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 8, 2021 at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kimberly Cowger

Administrative Assistant