

# **MAHOMET PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

## **REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MARCH 13, 2017 6:00PM AT THE LIBRARY**

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**Members Present:** Charity Bundren (arrived during treasurer's report), Jeanne Campion, Chris Forman (left after trustee comments), Jim Matthews, Brian Paragi, Karin Vermillion (arrived during Audience Comments)

**Not Present:** Mary Watson

**Also Present:** Lynn Schmit, Kate Smith

### **Approval of Minutes**

Brian Paragi moved to approve the February 13, 2017 minutes. Chris Forman seconded; the motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Jeanne Campion moved to approve the financial report for February 2017. Brian Paragi seconded. Roll call vote; all trustees voted in favor of the motion. Jeanne moved to approve the check register for February 2017. Brian seconded. Roll call vote; all trustees voted in favor of the motion.

### **Librarian's Report**

Lynn Schmit submitted the Librarian's report before the meeting. She added some descriptions of recent library programs and reminded trustees that the Run for the Library committee would submit the order for tech shirts that week. She offered trustees the opportunity to order shirts and thereby support the Run.

### **Audience Comments**

Marissa Torrison and Bryan Perrero visited the meeting and expressed interest in filling the library board positions that would be open after the April 4 election. (Two of the four spots on the ballot have no candidates.) They introduced themselves to the board and provided a bit of their backgrounds.

Youth Librarian Neal Schlein presented a workshop on library escape rooms at a recent youth services conference put on by ILA. He summarized his presentation for the board and offered a mini demonstration of escape room puzzles.

### **Committee Reports – No committees met**

### **New Business**

#### **A. Sinkhole Issue**

Lynn Schmit reported that there are two sinkholes on the west edge of the library property, both caused by damaged drainage tiles. One hole is the village's responsibility and the other is the library's, but the library is working with the village to see if the village would repair both and share costs with the library.

#### **B. Filing of Ehlers Management Report**

The board agreed to accept the February 2017 report and place it on file.

### **Closed Session**

Chris Forman moved to enter closed session according to 5 ILCS 120/2.06(c)(21) for the discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act. Jeanne Campion seconded; the motion passed. The board asked Lynn Schmit and Kate Smith to remain for the closed session.

### **Reporting out of Closed Session**

Charity Bundren moved to keep the closed session minutes dated June 12, 1995; April 12, 2004; May 5, 2004; August 8, 2005; and December 10, 2007 closed. Karin Vermillion seconded; the motion passed.

### **Trustee Comments**

Chris Forman reported that he attended a recent Village Zoning Commission meeting on behalf of the library. During this meeting, the committee discussed plans for the property directly south of the library, across Route 150. He submitted a statement to the committee on behalf of the library, expressing hope that the new development will match other recent construction along 150 in both form and function, complimenting buildings already present. He informed the board that the new development will consist of three buildings, all set back from Route 150 and accessed from Churchill Road. The buildings as planned are attractive and will be required to follow village landscaping guidelines that fit with nearby properties. The signage along 150 will be small and appropriate for the area.

Lynn Schmit asked trustees how they would like to proceed regarding the visitors who expressed interest in filling board positions. The board directed Lynn to verify that these two candidates are still interested and place a closed session item for discussion on the April 2017 agenda.

## **Board Advocacy**

Jeanne Campion asked if there were any updates to the financial report on the murder mystery event. Kate Smith responded that the numbers reported at the February board meeting were unchanged. Jeanne asked if the money was earmarked for any particular purpose and Lynn Schmit responded that it was not.

## **Adjournment**

Jeanne Campion moved to adjourn the meeting; Brian Paragi seconded. The motion passed; the meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.

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Respectfully Submitted by Kate Smith, Business Manager