

MAHOMET PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING APRIL 10, 2017 6:00PM AT THE LIBRARY

Members Present: Jeanne Campion, Jim Matthews, Brian Paragi, Karin Vermillion, Mary Watson

Not Present: Charity Bundren, Chris Forman

Also Present: Lynn Schmit, Kate Smith

Approval of Minutes

Karin Vermillion moved to approve the March 13, 2017 minutes. Mary Watson seconded; the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jeanne Campion moved to approve the financial report for March 2017. Karin Vermillion seconded. Roll call vote; all trustees voted in favor of the motion. Jeanne moved to approve the check register for March 2017. Brian Paragi 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 the following information:

- The cost estimate is \$845 for the Red Sunset maple to be donated by the Friends in honor of late trustee Mary Giles. The Friends will need to obtain a stone marker. Jim Matthews noted that the choice of tree is an appropriate nod to Mary Giles' favorite author, Louis Penny.
- The per capita grant will be \$9801 this year.
- The county clerk's 2017 tax extension notice arrived. The EAV and new construction are both up significantly from the previous year and library staff expect this trend to continue.
- Youth Services Librarian Neal Schlein will be leaving the library this summer; his wife has accepted a position in Colorado. Lynn will begin searching for a new full-time youth librarian shortly.

Jeanne Campion commented that this year's Run for the Library was wonderful and thanked the committee for their hours of work. She recommended contacting high school athletes next year to be volunteers.

Audience Comments

Audience member Bryan Perrero had no comments.

Committee Reports – No committees met

New Business

A. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of 3/13/17

Jeanne Campion moved to approve the closed session minutes from March 13, 2017. Mary Watson seconded. Karin Vermillion noted that there was a typo in her name. The board voted to approve the minutes as amended.

B. Filing of Ehlers Management Report

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

C. Approval of Audit Letter of Understanding

Mary Watson moved to approve the 2017 audit letter of understanding with CliftonLarsonAllen. Brian Paragi seconded. Jeanne Campion expressed reservations at approving a letter the trustees had not had a chance to read. The board agreed to review the letter at the May meeting and Mary Watson withdrew her motion.

Appointment of a Trustee to Fill a Board Vacancy

Bryan Perrero submitted his name for consideration for one of the two board vacancies beginning May 8. He commented that he would be honored to serve on the board to help watch over and maintain what the community has in the library, which is special. He further noted that the role of the board is to make high level decisions, but the success of the library ultimately comes down to the director you have. Jeanne Campion noted that he had volunteered at the Run for the Library. Brian Paragi asked if there was anything he would change about the library. Bryan Perrero suggested physical changes, such as a place to sit outside and read.

The board decided it was unnecessary to enter into closed session to discuss this. Jeanne Campion moved to appoint Bryan Perrero to one of the board vacancies beginning May 8. Mary Watson seconded; the motion passed.

Trustee Comments and Advocacy

Karin Vermillion commented that her daughter loves the CloudLibrary.

Jim Matthews congratulated two trustees who ran for office on their reelection. He noted that the board would still be short one trustee when he and Mary Watson step down in May. He further commented that he has been encouraged by the degree to which trustees were coming together for library advocacy recently. He reminded trustees that replacing departing Youth Services Librarian Neal Schlein with someone equally visible in the community with respect to library programming would be crucial, noting that the library's increased word of mouth reputation and credibility in the community has been because of Neal Schlein. He closed with a reminder not to overlook the financial challenges of the future and to keep thinking about advocacy.

Mary Watson commented that she has enjoyed every minute of her service on the board and the people she has met. She told Jim Matthews it had been a pleasure serving with him and she appreciated his role as president.

Jeanne Campion reminded the board that the spring book sale would be April 27-30. Brian Paragi encouraged everyone to help with set up and clean up.

Jim Matthews encouraged trustees to be thinking about officer positions and committee assignments before the May meeting.

Adjournment

Brian Paragi moved to adjourn the meeting; Mary Watson seconded. The motion passed; the meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Kate Smith, Business Manager