

T. B. Scott Free Library Board of Trustees
REGULAR MEETING
October 19th, 2016

Minutes

1. Opening

President Mike Geisler called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Library Board Room. Present: Katie Breitenmoser, Paul Gilk, D'Lacey Haight, Richard Mamer, Tim Meehean. Excused: Gene Bebel and Jim Wedemeyer. Vickie Yelle has resigned from the library board. Also present: Don Litzer and Nick Wszalek.

There was no correspondence.

Mr. Gilk invited board members to the Merrill Peace Study Group's program this evening at the Clare Center hosting candidate Galen Bayne-Allison, who is running unopposed for Lincoln County District Attorney.

2. Consent Items

M Meehean/S Haight/C to approve the minutes of the September meeting as printed. M Mamer/S Breitenmoser/C to accept the Monthly Revenue & Expense Report for September as printed.

3. Reports/Discussion Items/Action Items

A. Solar Project-Discussion: Mr. Geisler and Ms. Stevens met with Church Mutual and Weinbrenner Shoe Company officials to discuss potential tax sponsorship of the solar project. Board members directed Ms. Stevens to continue seeking out potential tax sponsors and to report progress at the next board meeting.

B. After the Bell Request: In consideration of the library's continued interest in the success of community afterschool youth activities, M Meehean/S Mamer/C to approve \$3,000 from the Endowment Fund for the After the Bell Program.

C. Strategic Plan Progress-Goals #4: Ms. Stevens presented staff progress on goals and objectives.

D. Trustee Essential #9-Managing the Libraries Money: Ms. Stevens provided copies of Trustee Essential #9.

E. Reports from Friends/WVLS Representative: The Friends have provided funds for bussing 3rd grade classes to visit the library for several years. At their October meeting, the Friends approved bussing funding for 1st and 3rd grade class visits. The Friends Annual Fall Book Sale is October 27, 28, and 29. The library will host an appreciation reception for the Friends on the evening of the Friends Members-Only sale, in conjunction with National Friends of Libraries Week.

4. Forthcoming Events & Library Director Report

- IF (Interactivity Foundation) Community Discussion Program invitation was included in the board packet. Pre-registration numbers are lower than desired, but walk-in participants are hoped to boost attendance. Followups to this week's sessions will be considered based on number of registrants, participant feedback and discussion quality, as well as funding availability (while IF is covering the expenses of this week's programs, future programs would need to be funded from elsewhere).
- Upcoming adult programs include: authors Genevieve Davis (11/6) and Tim Jollymore (10/23), as well as the Retirement Classroom (this evening, 10/19).
- September Statistical Report was presented. Revised statistical reports for January to June were available for review.
- Ms. Stevens reviewed upcoming holiday building closings.
- Ms. Stevens, Mr. Litzer and Ms. Schuster will be attending the annual Wisconsin Library Association conference. Mr. Litzer will be participating in a panel discussion at the conference pertaining to his involvement in the ILEAD program in 2015.
- Ms. Stevens and Mr. Wszalek will be attending the all-day City budget meeting on Friday.

- Afterschool youth concerns appear to be better controlled at this time. An active library presence, in coordination with PRMS administration and the Merrill Police Department, has been effective.
- North Pines Genealogy Group is hosting a Heritage Fair this Saturday at the library. Multiple library collections will be featured.
- Copper Lake & Lincoln Hills Schools collaborative program: Copper Lake Reading Club continues on a monthly basis. Ms. Stevens is investigating grants and other funding sources to expand the programs offered.
- Ms. Stevens discussed anticipated retirements and other circumstances involving staff, insofar as they may affect library operations and the library personnel budget.

5. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on November 16th at 4:00 p.m. in the Library Board Room.

Stacy D. Stevens, Secretary