

February 18, 2020

The Marion Public Library Board of Trustees met Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Israel Conference Room. Present were Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Cline, Ms. Sumpter, and Mr. Breen, Mrs. Eckerle and Ms. Riddle were also present. Dr. Case, Mr. Lutton, and Mr. Cline were absent. Paul Burritt and Barbara Dixon, Marion Public Library staff members, were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Ms. Sumpter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Paul Burritt gave an analysis of E-rate proposals that were received from the recent 470 form for Category 2 UPS units. There were six bids. After discussion, on motion of Mr. Breen, seconded by Mrs. Cline, the Board unanimously gave Mrs. Eckerle and Mr. Burritt the authority to award the contract after obtaining more information from the lowest bidder.

Mrs. Barbara Dixon was introduced to the Board. She is the new Reference/Adult Services librarian. She gave an update of her first month and a half at MPL and what she is working on space-wise and she discussed some of the planned and soon to be planned programs.

On motion of Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Breen, the minutes of the January 21st meeting was unanimously approved. On motion of Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Breen, the minutes of the January 21st Board of Finance Meeting and the January 15, 2019 Board of Finance meeting were unanimously approved.

On motion of Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mrs. Nicholson, the Treasurer's report and payment of the docket was unanimously accepted and payment authorized. The register of claims is made a part of these minutes.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1,330,337.46 in the Library Operating Fund as of January 31, 2020.

New Business:

Travel, meeting attendance: On motion of Mrs. Cline, seconded by Mr. Breen, attendance, travel, and related expenses were unanimously approved for the following meetings: 1) March 27th & 28th, Greenfield, Indiana Humanities *One State, One Story* Conference, Barb Dixon, mileage, registration, lodging, meals; 2) April 18th, Terre Haute, Indiana Genealogical Society, Rhonda Stoffer, mileage, registration.; and 3) March 20th, Wells County, "Be the Connection: Libraries, Teens and Connected Learning" workshop, Kristen Gioe, mileage.

Non-resident fee: IC 36-12-2-25 © Except as provided in subsections (d) and (e); a library board must set and charge a fee for a local library card issued under subsection (b) (2). The minimum fee that the board may set under this subsection is the greater of the following: 1) The library district's operating fund expenditure per capita in the most recent year for which that information is available in the Indiana State Library's annual "Statistics of Indiana Libraries". 2) Twenty-five dollars (\$25). Marion Public Library's Operating Fund Expenditures per capita was \$55.61, according to the 2019 Annual Report. The current non-resident fee is 60. The Library Board can keep the fee as is or lower it. The non-resident fee was not raised or lowered last year. New figures reflect latest census (2010) information. The non-resident fee was not raised or lowered last year. New figures reflect latest census information. On motion of Mr. Breen, seconded by Mrs. Nicholson, the Board unanimously voted to keep the Library's non-resident fee at \$60.

Policy review: The Hotspot policy was reviewed. The following line was added to the policy: "Hotspots cannot be checked out until a 30-day period has passed from the patron's initial registration date". On motion of Mr. Breen, seconded by Mrs. Nicholson, the Board unanimously adopted this policy with the added wording.

Webster Gift Fund: Attorney Michael Hotz had submitted a Resolution in 2018 regarding use of the Webster Gift Fund. This Resolution was passed in March of 2018 and will continue through 2020 when it will be reviewed again. On motion of Mr. Breen, seconded by Mrs. Nicholson, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution.

Circulation: The hotspots continue to be popular items. Currently, there are 13 hotspots and 21 people on the waiting list for them.

System Administrator: 1) Chair yoga has a good following with a waiting list; and 2) Many donations are pouring into Technical Services as the Friends Annual Book Sale draws near.

Marketing: Mike Cline and Mary Eckerle were on WBAT on February 6th. Besides promoting Library events, they talked about the importance of the upcoming Census.

Weaver Exhibit: June Felton and Sue Bratton took several artifacts & photos relating to Weaver to the Indiana State Library for an exhibit in the Grand Hall. The exhibit will be there until May 8th.

Friends: The Friends Booksale is scheduled for April 3rd-5th. The Friends Annual Meeting will be Monday, May 11th. A Friends meeting was held on February 10th. Mary Eckerle reported that the Friends group would like to assist in the costs of the landscaping project on the parking lot side of the buildings and in the replacement of chairs in the Library and museum.

Telling a People's Story: An action grant application was submitted to Indiana Humanities at the end of January to support the speakers and programming that will relate to this exhibit that is coming from Miami University of Ohio. Exhibit dates are April 6th through May 29th. The kick-off event for TAPS will be a writing workshop with the Indiana poet laureate Shari Wagner on April 4th. This event is the result of a grant from Indiana Humanities.

Eva Kor: There were several people visiting the Library on January 25th to view the documentary on Eva Kor.

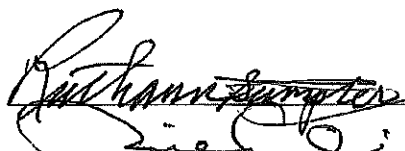
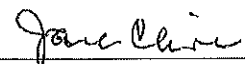
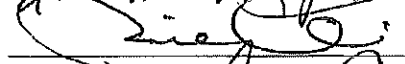
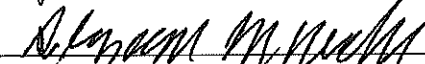

Justice Middle School Giant Read: Mary Eckerle will present more details of the Justice Community Reading project. Mary Eckerle joined Kari Persinger and John McCracken at the Marion School Board meeting on February 11th to present the program.

Census: Census Community Organizer Jacqueline Beverly presented a program on the importance of the 2020 Census at MPL on February 10th. Several community people were present. The goal is to make sure there is a good count for Grant County in the Census. Hopefully, community, church, nonprofit, governmental, neighborhood, and other leaders will work together to make this happen.

Community Involvement: 1) Rhonda Stoffer, Sue Bratton and Mary Eckerle attended a "Day of Courageous Conversations" on February 11th which focused on *Remembering the Remarkable Nevada Pate*, who was a teacher in Marion for several years. Staff member Recca Black spoke at the event and 2) Mary Eckerle spoke with the Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors on February 5th.

Appreciations: 1) Rhonda, thanks for your help in finding the correct spelling of "Nobe" Swoveman's name. It is for a book I'm working on. Here's a donation for the library. I had no idea it had grown so much or had a museum since I was last there. Take care, Leith Adams; and 2) Rhonda, Thank you for your help with the microfilm machine. I had no idea how we were going to get a new one and this is certainly an answered prayer. Thanks so much. Andy Horner, Converse Public Library.

Adjournment/Next meeting: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 6 p.m.

 President  Secretary
 Member  Member


Mrs. Mary Eckerle
Director
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Dear Mary:

Brandon Houser is currently serving as Marion Public Library's appointment to the Grant County Historical Society's Board.

Brandon has been a valuable member of the Board, and we respectfully request his reappointment.

The Grant County Historical Society is grateful for partnership with Marion Public Library in our mutual commitment to preserve our community's local history.

Sincerely,

Sue Israel
President
Grant County Historical Society