Mayville Public Library Board Meeting October 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:0 p.m. by Board President Grant Larson. Present: Grant Larson, Dianne Slater, Sue Smith, Molly Henkel Geri Feucht and Librarian Alixe Bielot. Excused absences: Lee Zarnott and Mike Schmidt

Public Comment: None

<u>Minutes</u>: After review, S. Smith moved to accept the minutes of the 09/14/2017 meeting; Motion seconded by D. Slater; motion approved.

<u>**City Budget Report:**</u> After review, M. Henkel moved to approve the September, 2017 report; seconded by S. Smith; motion approved.

Payment of Bills: After review, the motion and second to approve payment of the September, 2017 bills was made by D. Slater and M. Henkel. Motion approved. The totals are as follows: General Fund: \$2,402.26; Dodge County: \$51.45; Library Trust Fund: \$3,007.41. Total: \$5,461.12.

<u>Library Treasurer's Report</u>: After a short review S. Smith made a motion to approve the September, 2017 report; D. Slater seconded. Passed.

Library Director's Report: LIBRARY STATISTICS: Alixe presented the September, 2017 Statistics; circulation is down but rural circ is up. MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES: Alixe gave updates about the Monarch Library System/Directors Council. The system is working on upgrading libraries to greater broadband. The State passed its budget and maintained Library funding; system directors are writing thank you letters to state representatives. Alixe explained a new app for library patrons' phones—LIBBY—that would make it easier for patrons to download e Materials. The library system is working on this. FRIENDS GROUP: Between 30 and 40 families and individuals participated in the Audubon Days craft in Foster Park sponsored by the Friends of Mayville Public Library, which Geri considers another good showing. Geri attended a library friends groups meet and greet in Sheboygan. Her take-away was that the FMPL could do a lot more publicizing of Friends and Library events. To that end she's trying to post at least weekly on the Friends Facebook page. BUILDING: Randy Nickel of H.I.S. called on 9/20 and will get information to us about scheduling and an estimate re: repairing flashing on the roof, cleaning the gutters and the cost of making gutter guards for the building's gutters. Debris and leaves in the gutters cause a lot of blockage and disrupts the flow of the water in the gutters and downspouts, which in turn adds to the building's water problem. STAFF/ UPCOMING EVENTS: The annual book sale has been small but still well-attended. Alixe will be attending WLA this year in Wisconsin Dells. A new library page has been hired. S. Smith made a motion to accept the Director's Report; M. Henkel seconded. Passed.

Unfinished Business: The City Council approved the Library budget with our requested wage increases.

Last month we approved the purchase of the Boopsie app; (but) Polaris also has a different app to offer that we might consider instead.

Funds to renew the Mango and Ancestry databases (passed last month) will come from the Dodge County account (under the subscriptions/database line item). The new chairs (\$4,200) and the new library cards will also be paid for with Dodge County account money. These expenditures had also already been passed.

Jack Hurst is now in charge of the Capital Improvement project that would fix our basement plumbing issues.

<u>New Business</u>: Library plans/goals for 2018: After January 1st we could go over the Library Policy part-bypart again. The Board may decline or agree to meet in December (We sometimes don't meet in December) depending on the need. We can discuss this closer to that date.

<u>Adjournment</u>: The date and time of the next meeting will be November 9th at 6:00 p.m. D. Slater motioned and M. Henkel seconded to adjourn this meeting at 6:48 pm. Approved.

Respectfully submitted by Geri Feucht, Secretary

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