

Mayville Public Library Board Meeting
February 13, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President Grant Larson. Present: Grant Larson, Geri Feucht, Kim Olson, Mike Schmidt, Sue Smith, Lee Zarnott and Librarian Alixe Bielot. Excused: Dianne Slater. Guest: Sheila Steger.

2. Public Comment: Feucht expressed her belief that the Library needs to be open on Saturdays in the summer—in the new Library but also as soon as possible in the Library we have now. She believes that this can be done without an increase to the budget, by reconfiguring open Library hours.

Smith stated that according to a recent Gallup poll, “visiting the library remains the most common cultural activity Americans engage in, by far.” Alex at Horicon Public Library says that their gate counts increased by 25% last year.

Smith also informed the board that the Knights of Columbus donated \$500 for the new Library.

3. Minutes: After review, Smith moved to accept the minutes of the 01/09/2019 meeting as ammended and Olson seconded. Ammendment: A statement under Unfinished Business and Update on New Library Project will now read, “Smith made a motion to allow the Board to *create* an agreement between the Mayville Public Library Board and the City of Mayville for ownership and funding of the new Library facility;” motion approved.

4. City Budget Report: After review, Schmidt moved to accept the January, 2020 reports; seconded by Olson; approved.

5. Payment of Bills: After review, the motion and second to approve payment of the January, 2020 bills was made by Schmidt and Olson. Motion approved. The totals for December are as follows: General Fund: \$1,484.91; Dodge County: \$135.83; Library Trust Fund: \$0.00; Total: \$1,620.74.

6. Library Treasurer’s Report: After a short review Schmidt made a motion to accept the January, 2020 report. Smith seconded. Approved.

7. Library Director’s Report: LIBRARY STATISTICS: Alixe has been working on the 2019 Annual Library Report. She presented the January, 2020 receipts and statistics. Circulation was down a bit. MEETINGS/ ACTIVITIES: The Monarch Directors met today and talked about Legislative Day, among other topics. FRIENDS GROUP/ UPCOMING EVENTS: The Friends are working on offering some programs for teens. They plan to show *Frozen 2* and do a related craft after it comes out in video this month. They are having a Fish Fry at the Legion on Friday, March 13th with a band. The Polka Dance will be on April 18th. They began placing jugs around the city for donations of spare change for the new Library. BUILDING: Nothing to discuss at this time. STAFF/ UPCOMING EVENTS Patron Appreciation Day is tomorrow, Feb. 14— “Come have a Valentine cookie.” The Annual Magazine Give-Away started on Sat., Feb. 8th, with titles A – L; the next Give-Away, on February 15th, will include titles beginning with M-R. Chad Lewis’ program - “Lumberjack Legends and Lore” coming March 31, 2020. The Library continues to offer Tech Talk, Book Club, Legos and Genealogy this month. Smith moved to accept the Director’s Report. Seconded by Olson. Accepted.

8. Unfinished Business:

A. Update on new Library project:

1. Library Building project: continued discussion with possible action on Lib. Bldg. Committee recommendations. Discussed fundraising. Schmidt made a motion to accept the *Intergovernmental Agreement for Construction and Operation of New Library -- City of Mayville*

and Mayville Public Library, the Real Estate Lease and the Future Library Operating Plan. Zarnott seconded. The motion carried unanimously with “Aye” from the following Board members present: Geri Feucht, Kim Olson, Mike Schmidt, Sue Smith and Lee Zarnott.

B. Discuss with possible action: CG Schmidt Fundraising plan. The board discussed the plan and members will review it further on their own.

C. Discuss with possible action: revise Library Mission Statement—Zarnott made a motion to table this; Schmidt seconded. Passed.

9. New Business:

A. Smith made a motion to approve the 2019 Annual Report. Olson seconded. Approved.

10. Adjournment: - Discuss with possible action: next meeting to be held on Thursday, March 12, 2020 after the 5:00 p.m. Building Committee meeting has ended. Schmidt moved and Olson seconded to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Passed.

Respectfully submitted by Geri Feucht, Secretary

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