

West Sangamon Public Library District
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 7, 2017

MINUTES

June Atkinson – present
Robert Barth – present
Felicia Burns – absent
Chris Byer – present

Martha Darling – present
Katie Frank – present
Jeanine Benanti – present

The March 7, 2017, meeting of the West Sangamon Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Barth. Roll call was taken with five trustees in attendance, one trustee absent, and Library Director Benanti present.

Linda Orr was welcomed as a guest.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The January 3, 2017, minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was distributed and read. There are \$1,899.27 in the checking account and \$63,314.79 in the money market. Martha Darling made a motion that the report be approved and Katie Frank seconded. The report was approved by a roll call vote.

President's Report:

Board members were reminded of the deadline to submit their Economic Statement of Interest.

The library's Page, Tyler Dickman, will be awarded an honorarium at the May 25, 2017, Golden Honors program. A Board member will be identified at the May meeting to present the award.

New Board Trustees have been secured. Linda Orr will complete the two years remaining on Denee Scheidenheim's term. Other new members will be Brian Bandy, Debbie Lakamp, and Allicent Smith. They will each initially serve two years and will be elected in 2019 for the remaining portion of their terms.

Director's Report:

The occasionally-used furniture items stored upstairs will be evaluated during the summer. Unused pieces will be eliminated to provide better access to the furnace.

The Children's room will be updated with a donation from Bobette Gerlach. Carpet samples were displayed and discussed. A bid for new shelving has not been received. A vote was not taken on the carpet portion of the project.

A program called "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" began in January. Reading logs and small incentive prizes are available for every 100 books read with the child's name placed on the vault door. There are 14 children registered.

Director Benanti reported on Chris Byer's request that a cost projection be made to determine the feasibility of the library extending its hours. For the library to remain open an additional 4 hours per week, the cost per year would be \$4,200. The example was made to have the Tuesday and Thursday hours extended from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

Friends of the Library:

The Board approved a Trivia night hosted by the Friends to be held on Saturday, May 13, 2017, and a Book/Bale sale to be held later in the year.

Board members were encouraged to participate with the Friends' of the Library.

The Friends' treasury balance is \$1,879.92. Toni Frank is the new Treasurer and Julie Rector was thanked for being the Treasurer for many years. A Board member needs to co-sign checks and Martha Darling volunteered. The Board will track and approve expenditures. The Board approved the purchase of colored paper at approximately \$17.00/ream.

The Friends have identified new carpet for the library as their on-going special project.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

There was no new business.

At 7:57 p.m. June Atkinson motioned to adjourn and Katie Frank seconded.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 2, 2017.