Minutes Marshall District Library Board of Directors

May 13, 2014

Present: Helen Lindsey, Martha Frohm, George Guerin, Matt Rodgers, Donna Daines, Kate Yoder

Others present: Library Director Angela Semifero, Library Deputy Director Nate Palmer, Pam Herman

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve revised agenda to change the date of next meeting from June 26 to June 24, 2014 made by Helen Lindsey and supported by Donna Daines. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Motion to approve revised April 8, 2014 minutes by George Guerin, supported by Martha Frohm. Correct spelling of Lindsay to Lindsey, change time of May 13 Finance committee meeting time to 6:40 p.m. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Motion made by George Guerin on behalf of the Finance committee to approved the financial statement and pay bills in the amount in the adjusted correct amount of $105,484.20. Roll call vote: Yes: all present. No: none. Motion carried. Guerin stated that it appears that the year-end expenses will be coming in under budget.

Library Director and Deputy Director reviewed key items in their written reports. A decision will be made soon on hiring a new technology assistant. Interviews will soon be completed.

Committee Reports:

• Building and Site: Did not meet. Will meet before the next board meeting

• Finance. Met before the May 13 board meeting. Will meet next at 5:30 p.m. on June 10.

• Personnel: Did not meet. Will meet next on June 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

• Policy: Met. Corrected policies as noted in Board meeting packet. Motion on behalf of the Policy committee made by Chair Matt Rodgers to accept the policy corrections as noted in the board packet. Voice vote: Motion carried.

No unfinished business

New business:
Motion by Policy committee chair Rodgers to accept the Collection Development and Meeting Room use policy changes as proposed in the board packet. Voice Vote: Motion carried.

Motion by George Guerin and supported by Kate Yoder to accept paid time off terms set by the management team as presented in the packet and to accept 140 hours of paid time off donations to Hali Hammond. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Comments from the Board:

Matt Rodgers announced he will be resigning from the board due to his new appointment to the City of Marshall Planning Commission.

Discussion was held regarding the letter to the editor published in the advisor&chronicle on May 10, 2014 voicing concern about the appropriateness of the library-sponsored Zombie Lock-in scheduled for May 16, 2014 for grades 7-12 from 6 to 10 p.m... Dir. Semifero presented a printed detailed agenda of the event to the board. Donna Daines shared reactions she received from acquaintances who did not find the event objectionable or inappropriate. MDL Board President Ben Lark who was not in attendance, left a message with Dir. Semifero to share that he had concerns about the appropriateness of the topic and expressed his feeling that the library should focus on educational programming.

Comments from the public: Library patron Pam Herman voiced her support for the board’s acceptance of the library Youth Advisory Council’s and library staff’s openness to the lock-in.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Next meetings:

June 24, 2014
August 12, 2014

Prepared by Board Secretary Donna Daines