

Marshall District Library Board of Directors Minutes

December 9, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

Present: Helen Lindsey, Jessica Brooks, Martha Frohm, George Guerin, Ben Lark, Kate Yoder, Donna Daines

Others Present: Library Director Angela Semifero

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of agenda with the change of Nate Palmer's absence from the meeting and a change of the Volunteer Reception to April 9. Motion Guerin/seconded Yoder. Voice vote. Carried

Approval of minutes of November 11, 2014. Motion Frohm/ Seconded Lindsey. Voice Vote. Carried.

Financial report, including approval of bills. Motion to pay bills of \$72, 490.95. Roll call vote: Yes, all present. Carried. Finance Committee chair Guerin reported that revenue is somewhat behind since the library is waiting for tax payment. There were some extra maintenance expenses.

Library Director's Report. Director Semifero reported on items included in the board packet. She explained the preliminary floor plan of the Library Design Associates (LDA) design. LDA has also worked in libraries in Charlotte, Canton, and Mason counties. She expressed her belief that this design provides for expansion of interactive spaces and would meet the library's needs for the next 10-15 years. She also gave an overview of her acceptance as a participant in the P.L.A. conference. She will be attending 5 days of meetings in South Carolina where she will work with large library mentors; learn how libraries can integrate with municipalities; gain experience with advocacy, long range planning, state-wide library advocacy; fundraising; human resources, and generally learning more about the library profession as a whole. She reported that other librarians who have attended this conference in the past have reported it as a career-enhancing event.

Committee Reports:

Building and Site. Met Dec. 4. Semifero and Deputy Director Nate Palmer described the proposed rearrangement of the library submitted by LDA.

Finance: Met before the board meeting. Next meeting will be January 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Personnel: Did not meet

Policy: Did not meet

Unfinished business:

Board Training: discussed location and time options for the 2015 board training

New Business

Retirement reception: Tuesday Jan. 6 from 5-7 the library will host a retirement reception for Denise Connelly. Motion Daines/support Guerin to withdraw up to \$500 for the receptions. Roll call vote. All present: yes. Carried

Volunteer reception- Will be Tuesday April 9, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Comments from board members:

Ben Lark: Informed members about upcoming Christmas program at Old Maple Grove Church at fairgrounds.

Helen Lindsey: Thanked Semifero for her good work during the year

Jessica Brooks: Said she has enjoyed the opportunity to be on the board and will look for an opportunity in the future to rejoin when they return from their assignment in Germany.

Kate Yoder: Announced she will be stepping down when her term ends in March

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Next meeting: Jan 13, 2015

February meeting: Feb. 10, 2015

Submitted by Donna Daines, Board Secretary