

ALEXANDRIA-MONROE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Minutes

February 12, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Rogers, Shelby Thomas, Pamela Blake, Melissa Giles, LeeAnne Fisher, Dave Holder, Suzi Remington and Montie Manning.

CALL TO ORDER

President Bob Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Suzi Remington moved to accept the minutes as written; Dave Holder seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Manning presented the library board with a list of approved bank depositories as follow up from the January meeting. Manning noted that the Madison County Credit Union is not on the list and that the library is doing business with all of the approved institutions on the list that also have locations in town.

Manning also presented a follow up to the financial consultant topic from the January board meeting. He distributed information on Umbaugh located in Indianapolis. Manning mentioned that they have worked with public libraries specifically and that they have a track record in dealing with bond issues which would be beneficial when we decide to develop our vacant lot. He further mentioned that Umbaugh is assisting the Madison County Council in floating a bond issue to pay for EMS radio towers. After some discussion, Suzi Remington moved that the library consult with Umbaugh, Dave Holder seconded. The motion carried.

The third item of old business was the patron abuse of the renewal policy. Manning presented the library board with a copy of a letter that Assistant Director Fisher mailed to the Hatfields regarding the continued skirting of renewal limits. Manning mentioned that this was for informational purposes only and that he had no intention to waste his or the board's time on the matter as it was definitively settled by the board previously.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item of new business was loaning the hall tree to the Alexandria-Monroe Historical Society. Manning mentioned that the piece of furniture is in the way and that we have no place in the library to store it. Manning stressed that we would need to do this as a loan so that ownership was never in question should the library decide to reassert custody of it. Pam Blake mentioned that she is working with the historical society to develop forms to handle these types of loans to the museum. Manning said that once the forms were completed, he would move forward with the loan.

The second item of new business was the redistribution of Dora Thomas' artwork to her niece, Pamela Blake. Manning mentioned that these were the pieces that were donated to the library along with \$14,000 in a bequest. Manning said that he felt it appropriate that they be given to a family member. After some discussion, it was the general consensus of the board to give Pamela Blake the artwork.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Montie mentioned a few highlights from the report such as the library starting Sunday hours in March and taking out a billboard to advertise the increased hours. Also mentioned were the tax filing assistance, the Wowbrary service, and the ongoing construction issues.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Our door count was down (-28.3%) from January 2014 with 4,100 people coming into the library. Overall, circulation was down (-.64%). Overall, our computer usage increased (+24.52%).

TREASURER'S REPORT

The claims sheet was distributed for approval. Pamela Blake moved to pay claims 51-105; Melissa Giles seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Manning wanted to meet briefly with the personnel committee after the meeting. He mentioned that he would be using comp time the week of March 2-6 and that Sunday hours begin Sunday, March 1 from 1-5pm. Melissa Giles gave a brief report from the park board.

ADJOURNMENT

Pamela Blake moved to adjourn the meeting; LeeAnne Fisher seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting is Thursday, March 12 @ 6:00pm at the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Giles
Secretary