

The Carthage Public Library Board of Trustees met Tuesday, December 10, 2019 in the Carthage Public Library Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by Peggy Ralston, President.

APPROVED

Roll Call

Board Members present were: Donna Maggard, Eric Putnam, Gary Cole, Kevin Johnson, Peggy Ralston, Miriam Putnam and Sandy Swingle. Also present was Library Director Julie Yockey and Dina Sarratt from Beimdiek Insurance. Board members Carrie Campbell and Justin Baucom were absent. Dina departed after the insurance presentation.

Minutes of Last Meeting

There were two changes to the minutes of the last regular meeting. Under Committee Reports the wording “Kansas City Roofing Company” was changed to “CCR”. A motion to approve the minutes of the regular session of November 12, 2019, as amended, was made by Sandy Swingle and seconded by Donna Maggard. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Attached. November 2019 financials were presented. Discussion included: (1) Property Tax revenue has not been received yet but should start coming in. (2) The Parks and Storm Water revenue check was ~\$40k, slightly above budget. Gary Cole moved to accept the November 2019 financial report. Miriam Putnam seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Director's Progress and Service Report

Attached. Discussion included: (1) Eric Putnam moved to re-appoint Kevin Johnson as Secretary-Treasurer. Gary Cole seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Carrie Campbell was thanked for filling this role while Kevin was absent. (2) Julie commented how the Library was decorated for Christmas and how beautiful it looked. (3) The Library hosted the Chamber of Commerce Emerging Leaders luncheon and Julie was the guest speaker. (4) Santa visits on December 11, 2019. (5) The Boylan Foundation made a grant of \$25,000 for landscaping and patio furniture for the new building. (5) The library experienced vandalism inside the building. Julie called the Carthage Police on the four juvenile offenders and had them removed from the premises.

Youth Services Progress and Services Report

Attached.

President’s Message

No report.

Council Liaison’s Report

No report.

Committee Reports

Building Committee – Gary Cole reported: (1) the new building has been started. There were excavation issues which had to be remedied. These were not unexpected but the cost to fix - approximately \$15k – is additional. Foundation re-bar is on order and the final excavation will be completed once it is

received on site. (2) G&G Construction had Joplin Roofing quote fixing the roof issues. CCR will decide if they will accept the quote or fix themselves. At issue is a proper fix for the 2 ft surrounding edge.

Budget Committee – No report.

Community Relations – Sandy reported Ben will contact the high school Chess Club about conducting a “live” chess board game during the Christmas break.

By-Laws - No report.

Library Gardens – Miriam reminded the board of the timeline for landscaping the new building and they would have to begin working on those plans.

ADA Compliance – No report.

Communications – No report.

Unfinished Business

No report.

New Business

(1) Dina Sarratt from Beimdiek Insurance presented renewal options for both the General Liability and Property insurance. She was able to obtain only two quotes due mainly to the recent major claim; Travelers and MOPERM. After discussion, Gary Cole moved to accept the MOPERM quote for both General Liability and Property. Miriam Putnam seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (2) Peggy had been approached about homebound individuals getting material from the Library. Julie advised there is a form/process available to appoint an alternate person for checking out material under someone’s library card.

Payment of Bills

Peggy Ralston said she had reviewed the bills and they could be paid. Eric Putnam made a motion to pay the bills. Gary Cole seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Other New Business

No report.

Adjournment

Gary Cole made a motion to adjourn. Eric Putnam seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 6:14 pm.

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