

Minutes of the Franklin Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, held in the Council Chambers in City Hall, Franklin, WI on June 22, 2015

Meeting called to order by President, Dennis McKnight at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Present – Dennis McKnight, Tom Loew, Alderman Doug Schmidt, Karen Wesener, Mike Karolewicz, Tim Solomon, Diane Oleson, Bob Donohoo, Dr. Steve Patz. Others present – Rachel Muchin Young.

Public Comment/Visitors: Judy Roberts, Sue Reinhardt, Susanne Anderson, Dee Baranowski, Mayor Steve Olson

Approval of Minutes from meeting of May 26, 2015. Karen suggested that this sentence – “This decision does not preclude the Friends group, any other group or any individual from performing activities related to the collection or sale of these items.” – be added to the end of the New Business item regarding the Library selling materials. Motion made by Bob to accept the minutes with this addition, seconded by Diane. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance – Motion made by Tom, seconded by Steve to approve invoices in the amount of \$17,239.55. Motion carried. Motion made by Tim, seconded by Mike to approve Treasurers report. Motion carried.

City Matters – Nothing new on the compensation study.

President – Dennis thanked Diane for organizing the recent Book Sale which raised more than \$2000. The Library closed this morning, due to a power outage. Staff was sent home at 1:00 pm. Power was restored at 1:20 pm, but Library remained closed for the day. Check out was done by hand and a story time was held near the windows. The gates were not working for security or traffic counts. Discussion of concerns and how to handle this in the future—lights in bathrooms; fresh batteries. Will contact Fire Department regarding safety issues if staying open.

Director – Rachel reported the Hives are due for delivery the week of August 17. Photo exhibit of the Honor Flights is currently on display. This will be followed by an Old World Wisconsin photo exhibit later in the summer. Library programs attracted more than 600 people in the first week. The ‘1000 books before Kindergarten’ program has 171 participants. The Murder Mystery night had about 80 people participating and the proceeds from the Foundation will be used for the Children’s Desk remodel.

Friends – Report details are included in meeting packet. Purchase of a table for the large group study was approved. There was also an offer to purchase a collapsible stage for use during programs.

Foundation – The Murder Mystery fundraiser already addressed.

Building and Grounds – Nothing to report.

Personnel – Nothing to report.

Strategic Plan & Capital Projects – Will communicate accomplishments via the website and newsletter.

Other Business:

- **Relationship between Board of Trustees and Friends Group** – Bob reports he has met with more Directors and Friends groups. FPL Friends group has a vastly different relationship with the Board/Director than other Libraries/Friends groups have to one another. He has a good grasp of the issues and will have a written report at the July Board meeting.

New Business:

- Rachel reported that a **light pole** has been replaced in the parking lot. Discussed moving all light poles to the green spaces/islands in the lot. City has the poles so they would not cost us anything. Need to find out if there is wiring to the islands or if the parking lot would need to be dug up to run wires. Need estimate of cost from contractor. Rachel will get more information and report back at the July Board meeting.
- **Wisconsin Trustee Training week** is August 17-21. Rachel provided a brochure of the various programs that are available as online sessions.

Next meeting is Monday, July 27, 2015, 6:00 pm in the Sievert Room.

Motion made by Tim, seconded by Mike to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.