

LA PORTE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES March 21, 2019

ATTENDEES

Dava Buell – Vice-President
Karen Ellison - Secretary
Dave Decker
Sean Quinn
Gregg Fuhlenbrock

ABSENT

Scott Siefker - President
Marie Gilliland

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Fonda Owens – Director
Anthony Novak - Legal Counsel
Cindy Lane - Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Dava Buell called the meeting to order at 6:47 PM.

PUBLIC FORUM

Vice-President Buell called for questions or comments from the public. There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice-President Buell called for a motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Minutes of the February 21, 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting
Manager Reports
Financial Report
Approval and Payment of Claims ---per APV Batch dated March 21, 2019

Gregg Fuhlenbrock moved and Dave Decker seconded. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

REPORTS

Director's Report

Director Owens reported that she has been very busy following legislative issues. Regarding Senate Bill 64 (background checks), ILF is hoping to get wording that more closely follows how schools handle checks. HB1343 – amended wording has been added to include a provision that a fiscal body may not reduce a library's budget any more than any reduction of any other unit and not more than 10% overall. Ms. Owen met with State Senator, Mike Bohacek, who is on senate committee hearing this bill. Senator Bohacek does believe that additional oversight is necessary so he has proposed an amendment to this bill.

Ms. Owens contacted MKM for updated cost on Telephone Building project, which increased by \$100,000 since last year. Sean Quinn asked about getting more details on this project by the April board meeting.

Ms. Owens spoke with Mr. Swanson about his group acquiring the Old Union Mills property. The group is getting some cost estimates for renovations to the property before making a decision. The Library Board will have to pass a resolution to either transfer or sale the property.

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Director Owens also reported that additional plans for the outdoor educational areas have been received and she is waiting to hear from MKM on the other library projects. There was an article in the Herald-Argus about the Mobile Classroom and an early reveal of some of the equipment will be held on April 21st from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Board members are encouraged to attend. Sean Quinn commented that he enjoys reading about the Library's events in the newspapers weekly events section.

Legal Counsel

Legal Counsel report was presented to the board with no additional information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers

Board deferred election of officers until April 2019 board meeting. No motion was needed.

Fee Card

Vice-President Buell called for a motion to approve the Resolution for Non-Resident Fee. Dave Decker moved and Karen Ellison seconded.

RESOLUTION FOR NONRESIDENT FEE

La Porte County Public Library ("Library")

WHEREAS, IC 36-12-2-25(c) requires that an individual nonresident fee be established for a local library card; and

WHEREAS, the minimum fee that the board may set under the statute is the greater of the following: (1) The library district's operating fund expenditure per capita in the most recent year for which that information is available in the Indiana state library's annual "Statistics of Indiana Libraries" or
(2) Twenty-five dollars (\$25).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the nonresident fee is hereby set at \$57.00 for an individual nonresident card; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this fee will remain in effect until such time that the library board passes a new nonresident fee resolution.

DULY ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the La Porte County Public Library at its regular meeting held on the 21st day of March 2019 at which meeting a quorum was present.

The vote was taken and the motion carried.

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QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Vice-President Buell called for questions or comments from the Board. Karen Ellison would like to know if the Library events could be posted on the What's New La Porte site. Gregg Fuhlenbrock commented that the South County Coalition is in support of the Hanna librarian.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Dava Buell called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 PM. Dave Decker moved and Sean Quinn seconded. The vote was taken and the motion carried.