

Library Board of Trustees
Minutes for March 26, 2013 Meeting

1. Call to Order

5:05 PM

2. Roll Call

Present: Alicia Kershaw, Diane Gilson, Angie Cameruci, and Natalie Van Houten; Deb Gossman, Alice Kelsey; Absent: Gloria Lynema

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Alice, seconded by Angie, to amend agenda to include discussion on cooperation with the Friends of the library.

Motion made by Angie, seconded by Diane to approve motion with change, all agreed.

4. Public Comment

No public comment made.

5. Approval of minutes

Motion made by Alice, seconded by Diane to approve agenda, all agreed.

6. Review Bills and Budget

Current budget not received from Township Treasurer. Alicia to make sure to get a copy before the next meeting. Reviewed bills and expenses, ramping up purchases for summer reading program. Reviewed money received from the Gun Lake Casino last year, \$1000 to be used for the children's program. Alicia has been utilizing the money over the last year for teen and children programming, between \$500-600 has been spent. Discussed ways to include the tribe and community in upcoming programming.

7. Directors Report

MLA updates, printouts provided to trustees. Two things of note, nothing changed at the state level with regard for library budgets and legislation is currently being looked at making libraries a gun free zone. Alicia is against the library becoming a gun free zone, and added she feels patrons should be able to carry weapons if they are doing so legally.

Friends of the Library approved monitor and camera purchase. Copier has not made it yet, individual is being slow and difficult to work with. Alicia emailing him weekly.

Teen council meet last week made Para cord bracelets. March madness activities being done at this time. Participation increased slightly.

Donations at \$400 for summer reading program, Alicia to start buying prizes in April.

Spring Break program first Saturday in April, friends of library providing lunch and holding book AND bake sale Friday and Saturday. Board members agreed to help out at events as their schedules permit.

Class tours to start in April. Alicia to email teachers after spring break and get scheduled before end of May.

Nan to return tomorrow. Had second knee replacement completed. Alicia to take some vacation time before summer reading program starts.

Book club has been meeting for 1 ½ years, reading Wicked and seeing performance at Miller in April.

Evaluations for library director to be completed and turned in one week prior to next meeting (April 16, 2013). In the past the information has been used by the township to increase funding for library staff salaries.

Discussed need for budget discussions and set up a budget meeting on April 15 at 6 PM.

8. Old Business

a. Review By-laws

Identified need to review the terms of the trustees and the need to stagger the terms. Deb suggested we leave it the same. What happened with the last election was a rare occurrence. At this time we are on track with the presidential election and it does not cost us to hold the board election. The more on the ballot the less it costs each organization. Natalie suggested that if we ever choose to try for a mileage we could make term changes at that time. Motion made by Alice, seconded by Natalie, all agreed.

b. Review Mission Statement

Discussed definition of mission versus vision statements and reviewed examples. All to come up with options and bring them to the next meeting to discuss. Going to come up with Mission Statement then work on Vision Statement.

c. Recognition of previous trustees

Planning Open House for the 5 year anniversary of new building, only in ½ the building for first year. Agreed at such an event would be the time to do recognition for former trustees. Plan to invite old trustees and people who worked on the building. Event planned for October 1 (first Saturday of October). To be discussed further at the next meeting.

9. New Business

a. Collaboration with the Friends of the Library

Alice suggested that the board get more involved with the Friends activities to be present in the community. Suggested either to be present at event and/or donate bake goods. Discussed more collaboration with the Friends, all agreed there is no need to be completely separate entities. Each trustee offered to help out either with baked goods or participation.

10. Updates on Township meetings

Watson Township: No update from Angie. Diane to accompany Angie to hold her accountable at the next meeting scheduled for April 4 at 7 PM.

Orangeville Township: Huge problem with food distribution at fire hall. Alice has given them updates, they are happy with us.

Martin Township: Discussed seed library and fire department applying for AEDS, looking to get one for the department, a truck and library. They are applying for the grant. We will have to look into training and/or materials for staff. Will make more decisions in June when we find out if the grant goes through.

Martin Village: New director of the Martin Resources Center. Amanda Patrick Shoemaker gave a history of the Martin Resource Center. Started as a Christmas project, moved to a food pantry program, but currently not helping patrons pay utilities. Goal for this year is to access fresh fruits and vegetables from the local farmers. MRC is holding a Garage Sale at Watson Bible on April 6 and are looking for volunteers. Natalie reported being impressed with the Village's running of the meeting.

11. Public Comment

No public comment made.

12. Board Member Comment

Natalie suggested board members let everyone know if they are going to be absent the next month.

Deb indicated typically you notify the president of any absences. Angie indicated she would be gone in June.

13. Next meeting

April 23, 2013

14. Adjournment

Motion made by Natalie, seconded by Angie, all agreed.

6:13 PM