

MASCOUTAH PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 21, 2014

The Trustees of the Mascoutah Public Library held its regular meeting at the library on January 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Trustees present were Nancy Larson, Roger Grodeon, Wayne Wilhelm, Suzy Friederich, Linda Tribout, Anne Schorr, Jordan Kneschke, and Merly Friedland; absent was Frank Bandre. Also present was Library Director Marian Albers.

President Nancy Larson presided and Merly Friedland recorded the minutes. There were no additions to the agenda. No public comments were heard or submitted.

The minutes of the board meeting held on November 19, 2013 were approved as written.

Financial Report: Marian presented the Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2013, the statements of income and expenses for the months of November and December, 2013 and the year-to-date period from May 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013. Total property taxes received came very close to budgeted amount. We have received the PPRT monies from the City and these were put in the Building account. Surplus funds from prior fiscal years were used to cover extra spending on various items.

Upon a motion by Roger, seconded by Jordan, the Board unanimously approved the above financial statements and ordered that the same be filed for audit.

Director's Report: Please refer to the Director's written report for the January, 2014 Board Meeting, with comments and updates on: 1) Library class computers 2) Weather closings 3) Library happenings 4) Directors events and meetings, and 5) Meeting room use. The reports on circulation and non-resident registrations were reviewed. Marian explained the changes to the circulation reports. Statistics looked very good, indicating a patronage count of 4,349, which is more than one-half of the city's population.

The Excel computer class is going well. There are four people waiting for the next Excel class which we plan on having in the near future.

Marian then requested approval for the purchase of a computer from Lazerware, for use by the class instructor.

Upon a motion by Suzy, seconded by Wayne, the Board approved by unanimous voice vote the purchase of a computer for \$901.12.

New Business: Marian brought up the need for a special Board meeting to discuss issues relating to the transfer of real and personal property from the City to the Library. The City is expected to execute a Deed of Transfer shortly. The Board discussed the new responsibilities of ownership, including insurance coverages and building and grounds maintenance. The Board agreed to hold a special meeting on February 25, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

New Business - continued:

Upon a motion by Roger, seconded by Wayne, the Board unanimously authorized Marian to do the following prior to the special meeting: 1) obtain insurance bids, 2) express our concerns about parking to Cody Hawkins, the city manager, and 3) inquire from the City as to the actual date of deeding the property.

The Board noted numerous notes, cards and letters from patrons, all expressing thanks, appreciation, and admiration for the excellent job our Library staff is doing. They are very proud of the library and the quality of its materials and services. They were from Robin Ledbetter & Family, Deborah Finch, Carol Bandre, Laura Turner as Santa Breakfast Chair, Edmond DeBourse, Linda & the Book Club, and Angie Davis.

Adjournment: There being no further business, President Nancy declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be on March 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Merly T. Friedland
Secretary