

**MASCOUTAH PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**JANUARY 17, 2017**

The Trustees of the Mascoutah Public Library held its regular meeting at the library on January 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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

President Nancy Larson presided and Merly Friedland recorded the minutes. No public comments were heard or submitted.

**BE IT REMEMBERED:** *Immediately preceding tonight's Board Meeting, the library dedicated the Alice G. Rieder Room. Attending this ribbon cutting event, in honor of Mrs. Rieder, were Library Board Trustees Nancy Larson, Roger Grodeon, Frank Bandre, Suzy Friederich, Linda Tribout and Merly Friedland, Library Director Marian Albers, retired Library Director Linda Zacharski, Mayor Jerry Daugherty, Councilmen Ben Grodeon, Paul Schorr and Pat McMahan and Rieder family members Wayne Boller and Barb Lembke. Coverage by Pam Rensing of the Herald Publications.*

The minutes of the board meeting held on November 15, 2016 were approved as written.

**Financial Report:** Frank presented the Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2016, the statements of income and expenses for the months of November and December, 2016 and the year-to-date period from May 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. All of the property taxes due for the current fiscal year have been received, totaling \$305,069 versus budgeted amount of \$316,949. The 3 rooftop units were installed and paid in full. Salaries are down due to hiring one less Coop students and support staff hours reduced. Marian has made appropriate adjustments to staff assignments to achieve maximum efficiency in running the daily operations of the library and maintaining quality patron services. The library remains in sound financial condition.

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

**Finance Committee Report:** On behalf of the Finance Committee, Frank presented and recommended for Board approval, a Proposed Budget for FY 2017-2018 in the amount of \$376,417, a reduction from last year's budget of \$16,996. It was the consensus of the Committee to avoid raising taxes, if possible. Frank and Marian explained in detail the contents of this budget, based on projected needs for the incoming fiscal year, and pointed out the differences from the current fiscal year budget. After discussion, this action was taken:

*Upon a motion by Linda, seconded by Roger, the Board unanimously accepted the foregoing stated recommendation of the Finance Committee and approved the Proposed Budget for FY 2017-2018 in the amount of \$376,417.*

**Director's Report:** Please refer to the Director's written report for the January, 2017 Board Meeting and the Comparative Library Circulation Report for November/December 2015 and November/December 2016.

## **Director's Report – continued:**

The Director brought up these matters for Board information, discussion, and appropriate action:

1. Library logo – The Board unanimously agreed to adopt a logo for the library, selected from the eight (8) various designs that were submitted by Marian at the November 15, 2016 Board Meeting.

The selection is a combination of styles and features from Design Nos. 2, 4 & 8, in colors of purple and black, with a line drawn between Mascoutah and Public Library.

2. ILA Legislative Breakfast – This is to take place on March 3, 2017. Trustees who are interested in attending will please let Marian know.

**Old Business:** Intergovernmental Agreement – The Agreement is relative to the adoption of a certain Redevelopment Plan by the City of Mascoutah, entitled “Mascoutah TIF III Redevelopment Plan and Project” and Tax Increment Financing within the TIF District. Marian has closely followed the proceedings and details of this project, attended meetings and participated in discussions with the involved parties. The Board did preliminary review of the Agreement and had considerable discussion of this matter in previous meetings.

Marian presented and the Board reviewed a finalized Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Mascoutah and the involved taxing districts composed of the City of Mascoutah Library, Mascoutah Road, Mascoutah Surface Water, Mascoutah Township, Mascoutah Unit #19, St. Clair County, and SWIC District #522.

*Upon a motion by Frank, seconded by Roger, the Board unanimously approved the Agreement as presented and authorized the execution of this document by the Library Board President or the Library Director.*

**New Business:** Correspondence received and noted – “Thank You” letters from 1) the Mascoutah Historical Society for the help in selling tickets for its anniversary and promoting the sale of the book, Remembering Mascoutah, 2) Mascoutah Senior Center for the donation to their 10<sup>th</sup> annual Wine and Cheese Party, and 3) The Holy Childhood Dinner Auction Committee for the contribution to the school dinner auction.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, President Nancy declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be on March 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Merly T. Friedland  
Secretary