

MASCOUTAH PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NOVEMBER 19, 2013

The Trustees of the Mascoutah Public Library held its regular meeting at the library on November 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Trustees present were Nancy Larson, Roger Grodeon, Frank Bandre, Wayne Wilhelm, Suzy Friederich, Linda Tribout, Anne Schorr and Merly Friedland; absent was Jordan Kneschke. 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 September 17, 2013 were approved as written.

Financial Report: Frank presented the Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2013 and the statements of income and expenses for the months of September and October, 2013 and the year-to-date period from May 1, 2013 to October 31, 2013. Finances are in good shape. There are no extraordinary items to report at this time.

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

Finance Committee Report: The Committee met last month and recommended for Board approval the following rates to levy for FY 2014/2015, based on an estimated EAV of \$121,851,738. LIB Corporate Levy - 0.2609, LIB MRF Levy – 0.0104, LIB Building & Maintenance – 0.0100 , TOTAL LEVY -0.2803.

Upon a motion by Roger, seconded by Linda, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee to set the FY 2014/2015 levy, at the above stated rates.

Director's Report: Please refer to the Director's written report for November 2013 Board Meeting, with comments and updates on: 1) Book Sale 2) Author signings 3) Library happenings 4) Library levy 5) Directors events and meetings, and 6) Meeting room use.

The Director discussed plans for upcoming events - Mascoutah Christmas Parade and Christmas Craft Day for children.

Staff Christmas appreciation – In lieu of having a Christmas Party, Marian suggested giving gift cards to the Staff. *Upon a motion by Linda, seconded by Frank, the Board approved by unanimous voice vote the amount of \$500 for the purchase of gift cards for the Library Staff.*

Old Business - Closed Session : Pursuant to 2(c)11 of the Illinois Library Rules & Laws Manual, Nancy made a motion, Frank seconded , and the Board approved to go into a closed session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss matters relative to the Personal Property Replacement Tax and the Mutual Release between the Library and the City of Mascoutah. Trustees in attendance at the open meeting participated.

Old Business continued - Closed Session:

On a motion by Linda, seconded by Frank, the Board approved the adjournment of the closed session at 7:46 p.m. and the return to open public meeting immediately thereafter.

New Business: The Board noted numerous notes and letters in thanks and appreciation for the Library's 1) support of the 20TH annual Holy Childhood School Dinner Auction, 2) donation of a Snowman Basket with a book for the Mascoutah Senior Center annual cheese and wine party, 3) partnering with the Cooperative Education Program at Mascoutah High School, and 4) donation to Mascoutah Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival Car Show attendance prizes.

Adjournment: There being no further business, President Nancy declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m. The next Board Meeting will be on January 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Merly T. Friedland
Secretary