

Mayville Public Library Board Meeting
June 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:58 p.m. by Board President Grant Larson. Present: Grant Larson, Geri Feucht, Kim Olson, Mike Schmidt, Dianne Slater, Sue Smith, Lee Zarnott and Librarian Alixe Bielot. Guest: Amy Birtell, Director of the Monarch Library System.

Public Comment: None

Presentation by Amy Birtell, Monarch Library System Director—Amy Birtell gave a presentation about the Monarch Library System and American public libraries in general and took questions.

Minutes: After review, L. Zarnott moved to accept the minutes of the 05/10/2018 meeting with a correction; Motion seconded by M. Schmidt; motion approved.

City Budget Report: After review, M. Schmidt moved to approve the May, 2018 report; seconded by D. Slater; motion approved.

Payment of Bills: After review, the motion and second to approve payment of the May, 2018 bills was made by D. Slater and M. Schmidt. Motion approved. The totals for March are as follows: General Fund: \$2,180.36; Dodge County: \$5,913.70; Library Trust Fund: \$2,797.99. Total: \$10,892.05.

Library Treasurer's Report: After a short review M. Schmidt made a motion to approve the May, 2018 report. L. Zarnott seconded. Approved.

Library Director's Report: **LIBRARY STATISTICS:** Alixe presented the May, 2018 Receipts and statistics; circulation is down bit. As Amy Birtell showed in her presentation, traditional library circulation is decreasing throughout the country as library programs increase and the role of libraries within communities changes. **MEETINGS/ ACTIVITIES:** Since this month's board meeting was early, Alixe has not yet attended the monthly Directors' Council meeting. **FRIENDS GROUP:** Friends are gearing up for this year's fundraising including the Polka Dance on June 30th and the Fish Fry at the Legion on July 13th. Geri hopes the Friends will be a presence at this year's Summer Reading Program. One of these events could be a music related craft at Maxwell Street Day on August 4th. She's working with Main Street Mayville on this and one other possible program. **BUILDING:** H.I.S. completed the application of gutter screens; Smith motioned and Slater seconded that Alixe purchase a furnace maintenance agreement with Sure-Fire; passed; Fox Den has again rejuvenated and is maintaining the beautiful planters on the north side of the building. **STAFF/ UPCOMING EVENTS:** The Staff has conducted many classroom visits recently. The Summer Reading program has a really full schedule this year, beginning on June 18th and ending on August 1st. Family Fun Day at the Horicon Marsh International Education Center is coming up this summer—always popular.

Unfinished Business:

New Library Project--1. Possible Fundraising—We didn't discuss this in detail at this time. G. Feucht expressed her hopes that the Friends of the Library will be involved.

2. Library Exploratory Advisory Committee (LEAC)--After a review of the site committee report, M. Schmidt made a motion that the Library Board recommends approval by the City Council of the site committee's choice: 234 N. John Street. G. Feucht seconded. Approved.

3. PR Management Update—S. Smith expressed some ideas about publicity regarding a new Library and the Library in general.

Library Drain Problem—We continue to wait for this problem to be fixed.

New Business: A. Strategic Plan with facilitator: Geri reported on a conversation with WILS consultant Bruce Smith. His opinion is that if the Library building project continues to move forward, the chosen architect will create a strategic plan based on an examination of the community's vision for the Library. If, however, the plan is not moving forward, a consultant like Bruce Smith could help the Board to find the community's vision for the library. He cited Appleton Public Library's ongoing dilemma of whether they are building a new Library or not. Sue Smith suggested that Mike Gelhausen, former Director of the Jack Russell Memorial Library in Hartford, might shed some light on Library building projects by relating the story of how that Library was planned and finally built over the course of several years.

B. Staff-related possible memorial—G. Feucht suggested a memorial of \$200 to purchase Library materials in memory of Alixe Bielot's mother, who passed away recently. S. Smith made a motion; M. Schmidt seconded. Passed.

Adjournment: The date and time of the next meeting will be July 12, 2018 at 6:00 p. m. We are scheduled to elect officers at the July meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m. M. Schmidt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by S. Smith. Approved.

Respectfully submitted by
Geri Feucht, Secretary

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