

Lake Pleasant Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
August 5, 2014

Present: Trustees: Richard Frisk, George Sengenberger, Frank Mezzano, Nancy Seifts, Karen McComb, Marion Wilbur, Toni Morrison

Absent: Laura O' Connor

Debbie Desrochers (Director), Marty Shean (Staff);

No representatives from Friends of the Library

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Frisk at 4:06

1. The minutes of the July 1, 2014 meeting were reviewed

Motion to accept Karen McComb

2nd Toni Morrison

Accepted unanimously

2. President's Report (Richard Frisk)

Reminder that Open House is scheduled for Wednesday August 6 at 7 PM

LEC will meet Wednesday August 5 at 8 AM

SALS grant – due September 9. We hope to ask for \$175,000 budget for Stage 3 which would mean we need \$43,750 for matching. As of now we have about \$39,000 for a match. If we do not get the rest we will push some things back to stage 4 and ask for less.

Jim Reis has an electrician to complete the electrical connection for the generator and the connections for the new addition. Richard Blasé has submitted a proposal that is \$1,000 less than before. If it meets all specs we will sign a contract to have this done.

No news on our application for a 501 C 3 yet.

Nancy asked to clarify the money situation. Richie explained that the money was in the H fund and also money in FOLPL accounts; some was for in-kind work from the Town and some in the L fund. We will try to get all funds into the H fund so it is clear where the money is and who will pay it.

Some concerns were expressed over the way FOLPL is providing funds for the expansion and for the after school program.

There was some discussion over the role of the BOT and the role of the Town in signing contracts and paying bills. George pointed out that while we must be cooperative with the Town and keep them informed at every step, the legality was that the BOT signed contracts and paid bills. The Town, as of now, is not providing any funds except in-kind help for the expansion. Frank suggested the Town ask for a legal opinion on the role of each body.

Richie said he will attend the next meeting of FOLPL and will tell them that we want them to fund the after school program the same way they used to do it. Deposit the money in the Library accounts and if, at the end of the year, there is a surplus it would be returned or credited to FOLPL. The current system is not working well.

3. Treasurer's Report (Nancy Seifts)

Accounts look good. Supplies are a bit high in spending.

Nancy asked for a review of the various funds that were discussed earlier and Richie went over item by item all of the revenue lists. He said Nancy could have a copy.

A copy of the report and the H fund status is included in the minutes filed in the Library.

4. Library Director's Report (Debbie Desrochers)

Collection Committee meets Wednesday August 6. Suggestions are welcome.

Director's Report is included in the minutes filed in the Library.

The children's program provided vouchers to turn in for ice cream at Lakeside Licks or King of the Frosties. The Library would pay for the vouchers at a \$1.65 per rate. King of the Frosties did not turn any in – they threw them out. Debbie was directed to send a note in thanks and with the amount of the contribution.

There was discussion as to what software we would buy for the new ancestor program we got with our grant. The program we purchased costs less than the one with the grant but it had some pluses. When the system has had a chance to be used some, Debbie and Marty will have an evening program and invite the BOT and all patrons to show how the program works. Purchase of software in the future will depend on how much usage it gets. Debbie pointed out that people using the program will need to use it for longer periods than the usual computer sign up. Plans to accommodate this will be set up.

The Volunteer party will be at 3 PM on August 19.

5. No FOLPL report as no representatives were present.

6. No old business

7. New business

Karen asked for up to \$200 be allocated from the H fund for refreshments and supplies for the Open House. Frank moved to approve. Marion seconded. Passed unanimously.

Karen reported on a meeting Sherry Mathews had with area quilters to plan a quilt show in August 2015, proceeds to go to the Expansion fund. No vote was taken but BOT was enthusiastic about the plan and there was a general consensus that costs for a place and other costs could be taken out of proceeds,

There was a discussion of our use of AC in the Library. It was pointed out that SALS does not have any requirement that AC be on at night. Richie said steps had been taken in last few weeks to lower our utility use. Nancy pointed out that, in July, the Library had used 300KW more than the Town office complex. Nancy also suggested that ceiling fans be included in the expansion.

A proposed new evaluation form was given out by Toni and Debbie. Members were asked to review it and it will be discussed at our next meeting.

Motion by George to adjourn. Seconded by Toni. Adjourned at 5:34

Next meeting Tuesday September 2 at 4 PM

Submitted by
George Sengenberger