

MEETING DULY POSTED

I. AGENDA & MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Meeting Called to order at 5:00 PM by Vanderloo

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. No Public Comment

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Acceptance of the Bills
 - a. Electrical Bill - Seems elevated, but that includes electricity being used for construction costs throughout the remodeling project
 - b. Bills Associated with Book Order - We are currently ordering books with Arcadia Books because Baker and Taylor book company has filed for bankruptcy
 - i. This will take some time as we set up accounts through alternate vendors.
 - ii. Have had meetings with Ingram Publishers to set up a relationship as a vendor
 - iii. Arcadia and Republic of Letters, local book stores, are offering discounts while we set relations with new vendors.
 - c. Motion made by Wepking to accept bills as presented, Howard seconded the motion
 - i. Passed by unanimous vote

IV. REPORTS AND UPDATES

1. Meetings as described in the Director's Report
 - a. JobPod coordinator - Future meetings through JobPod would require a dedicated room within the library.
 - i. Grant support could help with training, space set up, and laptop availability for service.
 - b. Furniture Committee Dealership Tours
 - i. Members noted how these helped set trends in furniture choices for the Library Project
 - c. The Iowa County Health and Wellness Expo was a successful collaboration for Iowa County Libraries
 - d. September Reading Challenge statistics to be sent out tomorrow via email
 - e. The children's librarian shared a special thanks from a local family after completion of the Library Challenge

- i. Dodgeville library hosts 1,000 books before Kindergarten, a second level of 1,000 books before Kindergarten, and 500 books before 5th grade challenges
- 2. Flexible Facilities Program Update
 - a. Received second payment request from Daniels
 - b. Received FFP payment #2 - total grant funds received totaling 1,003,852.22
 - i. Question posed by Reynolds-Lair regarding the delay in steel for the project
 - ii. Director Portz believed steel was now present, and has an upcoming meeting on Thursday to discuss the status
 - iii. Daniels remains confident of the timeline in relation to the project
 - c. Patron suggested project update information distribution
 - i. Director Portz is working on the project update draft
 - 1. President Vanderloo inquired how information would be shared
 - 2. Howard noted the Facebook page, the library website, and the Dodgeville Chronicle as distribution points

V. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Discussion of 2026 Draft Budget
 - a. Increase in budget for 2.8% to reflect the expected raise for city employees
 - b. Annex costs should cease after October next year, freeing up funds in the balance
- 2. Annex Staffing - Patron visits are minimal after 5:00 PM, leading to a suggested closing time of 5:00 PM

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. . Discussion and recommendation of appointment to the Library Board
 - a. Two letters received from interested parties
 - i. 1 party is not eligible as a seat for the Town of Dodgeville is already filled
 - ii. Board members agreed to support the recommendation of the remaining candidate to Mayor Hottman
 - 1. Motion made by Howard to recommend Brian Kulcinski to the Mayor, seconded by Wepking, and passed unanimously
 - 2.
- 2. Discussion of Fringe Benefits for Library Staff

- a. Employees working 20 or more hours per week should be offered prorated benefits
- b. Budget could be impacted due to some of these not having been offered in the past
- c. Retirement and Sick Leave require more information before action is taken

VII. CONCERNS AND COMMENTS OF THE BOARD

- 1. Haag requested that signage for the library be updated in front of the building to help patrons identify the library location
- 2. Howard Jones' investment is sitting at \$1,561,087.70

VIII. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 1. The meeting in November has been moved from November 10 to November 3rd at the Armory

IX. ADJOURN

- 1. Motion to Adjourn - Vanderloo adjourned the meeting at 6:06 PM

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