

## DODGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, October 14, 2024

The Dodgeville Public Library Board of Trustees met on Monday, October 14, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m. in person.

Present: Vanderloo, Howard, Reynolds-Lair, Wepking, Spady, Ponsler, Murphy, McSherry, Portz-Library Director.

Absent: Haag

1. The meeting of the Dodgeville Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Vanderloo and there being no objections declared the meeting duly posted. Notification that this meeting will include a Closed Session in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

**I. Agenda & Minutes Approval:** The agenda for this meeting was declared approved and the September 16, 2024 meeting minutes were approved with no objections.

**II. Concerns and Comments of the Board:** None

**III. Treasurer's Report:** Nancy Howard presented the Foundation information. Total Balance as of 10-14-2024: \$1,478,112.05. The breakdown is: \$331,272,45-Advisory Account. \$1,146,839.60-Association Account.

Acceptance of the Bills: Motion by Reynolds-Lair to accept the bills. Second by Ponsler. All in favor. Motion passed.

**IV. Library Director's Report:** Carrie met with the Technology coordinator-Jim Novy. Discussed budgeting for the expense of replacing 20% of the computers annually. The employee benefit fair was held on 10-8-2024 at the Health and Human Services building. The staff will be attending the Southwest Wisconsin Association of Libraries on 11-1-2024. The library will be closed for the day. Carrie will also attend the Wisconsin Library Association Conference in November.

There were several meetings during the month with a highlight being a visit with Dr Darrell Williams, the Assistant State Superintendent for the Division for Libraries and Technology on 9-23-24.

The Dodgeville Chronicle had an article about Dr. Williams' visit, the grant announcement, and also the Spotlight article on the new Library Director-Carrie Portz.

The Iowa County Library Committee awarded the Dodgeville Public Library a grant in the amount of \$1350.00. Carrie will be accepting it at the Iowa County Board meeting.

Continuing to work on the website update, logo/branding work, and planning to start meeting with staff individually.

Carol Murphy gave the Friends of the Library Update. Discussed recruiting more friends, fund raising, more visibility for the library, participating in the Holiday Parade, and other events on that day. Also discussed starting an Etsy store with the high school volunteers helping to organize.

**V. Old Business:** None

**VI. New Business:** Update on the Flexible Facilities Program Grant and Building Project. The press release stated that the Dodgeville Public Library was awarded the \$4.25 million grant for renovation and expansion project. The scoring summary showed that we received 92 points out of 100 possible. Carrie discussed different committees that will be necessary moving forward. Building Committee, Fundraising Committee, Friends of the Library, and other help-public relations and other ideas. We will be working with the city with the Capital improvement plan. City Council meeting tomorrow night will have a vote regarding the funding for the library project.

Consideration of 2025 Library Operating Budget. Budget is not final until the end of November. Motion by Wepking to accept the preliminary 2025 operating budget as presented. Second by Ponsler. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Ponsler to move into closed session for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Second by Spady. Roll call. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Reynolds-Lair and second by Ponsler to move out of closed session. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ponsler to create a position of Assistant Director to be filled by Carol Murphy starting immediately. Second by Reynolds-Lair. All in favor. Motion carried.

**VII. Upcoming Meetings:** Zoom meeting October 15 @ 11:00, Board of Trustee Meeting November 4, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

**VIII. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kari McSherry