

Minutes of the Sherrard Public Library District Board of Trustees

April 21, 2015

Call to Order 7 pm

Board Members in Attendance: Brittney Belha, Marnita Curry, Allen Holdsworth, Molly Kindelsperger, Barb Ruane, Tawnya Werner.

Staff: Bobbi Jackson

Public Present: Sheryl Steele, Larry Stone

Public Comment: Introduction of new Library Director, Bobbi Jackson, to newly elected Board Members, Sheryl Steele and Larry Stone.

Motions:

1. Motion to approve the Agenda by Ruane, Second by Belha.
2. Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2015 with amended spelling of Marnita Curry's name by Belha, Second by Ruane.
3. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Werner, Second by Ruane.
4. Motion to approve the new five year contract for Digital Copy Systems for a copy machine by Curry, Second by Werner.
5. Motion to approve Bobbi Jackson as IMRF Agent by Belha, Second by Ruane.
6. Motion to adjourn at 7:45pm by Belha, Second by Curry.

Friends of the SPLD: Bobbi talked with Friends Group members, Iona and Chelsy, about working with her as director and with the SPLD Board. All programs for the Friends group need to be approved by the Board before they are finalized and announced. Bobbi gave them a copy of the Friends of the SPLD Constitution and Bylaws, which they did not have. They already announced that they are having a Trivia Night at the Reynold's American Legion Hall, July 18, which is outside the SPLD area. They went to Reynolds because they wanted to set up 25 tables and the Sherrard Firehouse only had 10 tables. The Friends Newsletter said to contact the Library for additional information about the Friends group, but have not provided the staff with any information to give any interested patrons.

Director's Report

Discussion:

Illinois Rivershare Libraries are looking into leaving Rivershare and going back to PrairieCat for FY2016. Fees would initially go up 17.7%. Rivershare is looking to hire an administrator for FY 2016 which would raise our fees, also. Grants would be available for the first two years. Iowa libraries are not included in PrairieCat.

If we join PrairieCat we will need to join eRead Illinois at a cost of \$550 a year. It gives patrons access to over 20,000 electronic books.

District Libraries in Rock Island/Mercer County met to discuss and confirm important dates for filing of budget, tax levy and prevailing wage information.

This year's Per Capita grant will be fully funded, however, next year's Per Capita grant will be cut by 10%.

Started preparing the Budget for FY 2016. In the following years Bobbi would like to hold a Public hearing for the Tentative Budget and Appropriations Ordinance, 15 minutes prior to the May SPLD Board meeting.

Rosa and Bobbi have contacted Sherrard and Winola grade schools to present programs at the schools. Rosa has gone to town halls and other events with no positive results. Teachers at the schools will talk about it when school begins in the fall.

Unfinished Business:

Zach tarred the roof and after it rained, there were no leaks. Problem with hornets and mud dopper's in the old gym area. The area was sprayed.

The final security camera will be installed Friday.

Copier bids are in and the library will go with Digital Copy Systems for a five year lease for a new Samsung CLX-9251 copier at \$113.68/month cost.

New Business:

A new flag was donated to the Library. Rosa worked with Cub Scout Pack #425 in Sherrard to hoist the new flag. .

On May 4 MidAmerican Energy will conduct an energy audit of the building.

All Illinois Libraries are doing 1000 Books before Kindergarten program--kick off celebration will be held April 30.

Rivershare Passport program, which encourages patrons to visit other member libraries, is still ongoing. Sherrard will still participate if we leave Rivershare.

Program Statistics were presented and the library has had an increase usage, in new cards and total patrons as of March 15.

Discussion of Programming Calendar statistics for March 2015--Rosa duplicating Matherville program as patrons also come into the library for the program, no one attending Lab hours. Discussion of Storytime program and who will be giving it--Rosa will be doing program with crafts for the Fall.

Grant submitted to CFGRB for \$745 to help pay for the summer reading program. Will be notified by May 20. Friends of the SPLD have pledged \$750 for the program. If we don't get grant there is still money in programming budget to cover cost.

Need to appoint Bobbi Jackson as new IMRF Agent.

Bobbi printed out the election results for the SPLD Board of Trustees and their terms of office. Newly elected Trustees will sign official oath of office at the May 19th meeting. Election results must be verified before taking office. The board members as of May 19th will be Allen Holdsworth, Cynthia Sanders, Sheryl Steele, Larry Stone, Molly Kindelsperger, Sarah Soliz, and Barbara Ruane.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Ruane, Secretary