

Chariton Free Public Library

January 2, 2020

The Chariton Free Public Library Board held its regular monthly meeting in the boardroom Thursday, January 2, 2020 pursuant to notice given under the Iowa Open Meetings law. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Trustees Dixon, Esper, Fenton, McGee, Mefferd, Pillsbury-Allen, and Watkins-Schoenig were present. Librarian Kris Murphy and City Manager Laura Leigois were also present.

The **Agenda** amended by Mefferd to include a City Council Report in New Business, was unanimously adopted on a motion from Dixon, seconded by McGee.

The **Minutes** of the last regular meeting were unanimously approved on a motion McGee, seconded by Fenton.

Correspondence:

- a. Letter of resignation Trustee Ben Watt. Work schedule/location conflicts.
- b. Multiple RFP mailings returned undeliverable as addressed.
- c. 2 phone calls re: RFP (1 uninterested, 1 retired)
- d. 1 letter re: RFP uninterested
- e. 1 email from Schemmer, one of the firms recommended by an engineer working with the City

Watkins-Schoenig asked whether or not we'd contacted Main Street for assistance with our building issues. Murphy reported that she and Leigois had discussed it. Leigois will send an email to Katie at the Chamber Office and her Main Street contacts. Murphy will provide them with the details for the current building issues.

We've still had no communication from the County Supervisors concerning their budget meeting schedule or time allotted on their agenda for Leigois, Murphy and Library Trustees to attend and discuss their annual payment for library services.

The **December Financial Statement** was accepted.

Claims were approved unanimously on a motion from Watkins-Schoenig, seconded Fenton.

Grants: none

Old Business: none

New Business:

- a. Board Officer Nominations: Fenton moved to keep the officers the same for another year. After some discussion, a second from Watkins-Schoenig, and a unanimous vote, the slate of officers remained the same.
President: Jim Mefferd Vice President: Tim McGee Secretary: Lois Dixon
- b. The Annual Report Pamphlet was distributed. Murphy provided the pamphlet to City Hall prior to attendance at their budget meeting on December 30th.
- c. During our presentation at that Council meeting we spoke about our building issues and the RFP recently sent out to deal with them. There was discussion of a possible fundraising campaign to bring in funds that could help limit the amount of annual interest the Library would lose if the repairs were paid for strictly with bequest funds. We discussed this possibility again tonight, with the idea floated that perhaps an article in the paper communicating the Library's services, plans and goals, as well as listing the necessary repairs to the building, might be a way to familiarize the community with a complete picture of the situation prior to starting a fundraiser.

There was also discussion of part-time staffing, whether we might consider hiring high school students.

Director's Report: attached.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m. on a motion from Pillsbury-Allen, seconded by Dixon.

Lois Dixon, Secretary