

Chariton Free Public Library  
July 11, 2019

The Chariton Free Public Library Board held its regular monthly meeting in the boardroom Thursday, July 11, 2019 pursuant to notice given under the Iowa Open Meetings law. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Trustees Dixon, Esper, Fenton, Mefferd, Utesch, and Watkins-Schoenig were present. Librarian Kris Murphy was present. City Manager, Laura Liegois was also present.

The **Agenda** was unanimously adopted on a motion from Fenton, seconded by Esper.

The **Minutes** of the last regular meeting were unanimously approved on a motion from Watkins-Schoenig, seconded by Utesch.

**Correspondence:** Thank you from Doyle Gripp family

The **Financial Statement & Treasurer's Report** were reviewed. Murphy suggested a budget committee for the FY21 budget planning process. Mefferd appointed Murphy, Esper, Watkins-Schoenig, McGee and himself. Murphy will work on goals and objectives for the upcoming year and future before the committee meets.

**Claims** were approved on a motion from Fenton, seconded by Esper.

**Grants:** The Vredenburg Grant application is due July 19<sup>th</sup>. After looking at options, Murphy suggests we request funding to bring the newspaper digitization up to 2018. Additional technology funding may be included in the grant request.

Murphy will also look at applying to The Coons Foundation and DEKKO Foundation in addition to our annual application The South Central Iowa Community Foundation application. We need more grants for FY20.

**Old Business:**

Building Issues – Liegois toured the building with an engineer and Assistant Director Lauri Ghormley in June. The engineer recommended bringing in another engineer whose specialty is buildings, to get an evaluation of structural issues and to assist in prioritizing projects and securing contractors to do the work. He provided the names of three firms. Murphy will contact all three.

Watkins-Schoenig suggested contacting Alyse Hunter or Katie Wilson from the Historic Preservation Society. They regularly have engineers inspecting older buildings in the area and we might be able to use one of theirs, which might mean sharing costs.

**New Business:** Fenton moved to raise the wages of all Part Time Employees 3% to match the City. Utesch seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Liegois and Murphy will work on ascertaining average wages for all Library employees statewide, focusing on communities our size, to see how we compare and to work towards setting up a salary scale.

Director's Report: attached.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m. on a motion from Dixon, seconded by Utesch.

Lois Dixon, Secretary