

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Eastern Monroe Public Library

The regular scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Monroe Public Library was held on April 19, 2016 at the Hughes Library.

Present: Maria Candelaria, Gerard Geiger, Charles Green, Tim Hegarty, Stan Miles, Seamus McGraw, Ann Super, William Weitzmann.

Absent: Jan Selving

Staff in attendance: Sue Lyons, Korey Rustici, Mary Erm, Suzanne Campbell

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 AM by Board President, G Geiger.

W. Weitzmann noted a list of spelling errors in the March minutes. He agreed to forward a list which will be appended to these minutes.

S. McGraw/A . Super moved to accept the minutes of the February 16, 2016 meeting, as amended.

President's Report –G Geiger asked the board whether to move ahead on the proposed renovations to the Hughes Branch, at a cost of approximately \$519,000

Comments: The proposed plan – which could cost less than the target amount, especially if labor costs are reduced, would include two additional stalls in the upstairs rest room. S. Miles also recommended that a walk way be added through the parking lot. No state or federal funds appear to be available and S. Lyons said that a request for funding could be submitted to the Hughes Foundation before the May 15 deadline. The request could be made for half the funds necessary in a matching grant scheme. The plans for the renovations should also include drains in the floor of the upstairs restrooms, and consider the feasibility of plumbing to accommodate a coffee bar on the first floor.

Second study and meeting rooms could provide potential revenue through naming rights.

C.Green/S.Miles moved to move forward with the proposal and to include a sketch of it in the program for the Centennial Dinner. Approved unanimously.

S. McGraw/T. Hegarty moved to allow the money from the sale of unused tickets for the Centennial Dinner to be used to subsidize \$50 tickets for staff members. S. Lyons noted that approximately 10 subsidized tickets would be required. The motion passed with M. Candelaria, C. Green, T. Hegarty, S. Miles, S. McGraw, A. Super, voting yeah, W. Weitzmann opposed.

Treasurer's Report – The Board Treasurer, W. Weitzmann, reviewed the report which had been emailed to Trustees previous to the meeting. He noted that tax revenue is up \$5,000 over the same month last year but that overall, we're \$200,000 down for the year. S. Lyons noted that the bulk of that money was expected in May and June. Overall, "we're solvent" W. Weitzmann said.

Comments:

G Geiger accepted the Treasurer's Report.

A Super/C. Green moved to approve the bills as presented and carried. The motion was carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Buildings and Equipment – **None to report**

Publicity & Community Relations – **None to report**

Policy and Operations **None to Report**

Personnel – **None to report**

Strategic Planning – **None to report**

Dinner Committee – We continue to need donors for ads for the program. Though W. Weitzmann expects to have the layout largely done by the weekend April 23, ads can still be accepted until the Mat 2 deadline. A \$1,000 donation has been received from John Prevoznik, and if the back page of the program is not sold by the deadline, it will be given to Prevoznik as per W. Weitzmann's recommendation. The committee will provide a working list of who will call who for ads and donors for the dinner to eliminate duplication.

Director's Report – S. Lyons noted the library was preparing to apply for a state administered federal grant that allows the library to build on the success of its computer classes by creating a mobile computer lab to serve branches, perhaps obtain e-readers for both adults and young readers, and maybe even acquire lap tops which patrons could check out to hone the skills they develop in class. The grant “is a long shot”, she said.

Comments:

Old Business –None to report

New Business –None to report

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 AM on a motion by S. McGraw/A Super and was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Seamus McGraw, Secretary