

Regular meeting of the Marathon County Public Library Board of Trustees, Monday, November 17, 2014. Headquarters Library, Wausau Room.

Present: Audrey Ascher, Gary Beastrom, Sandi Cihlar, Tim Gierl, Alison Morrow, Katie Rosenberg, Scott Winch, Ralph Illick

Excused:

Others: Thomas O'Neill, Becky Schemenauer, Heather Wilde, Inese Christman, Sharyn Heili, Frank Matel, Kathy Bush, Nancy Frawley, Joanne Leonard, Elizabeth Scully

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 by Audrey Ascher.

Board Member Cihlar would like make a motion to allow the public to have their session at the beginning of the meeting. There is no second to the motion.

Roll call vote to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute, Sec. 19.85 (1)(c).

Roll call vote to return to open session.

**A motion was made by Gary Beastrom to reconvene to open session. Seconded by Tim Gierl. Motion carried unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Scott Winch to approve the personnel minutes from September 15, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Gary Beastrom. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Scott Winch to approve the minutes from October 20, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Katie Rosenberg. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Scott Winch to approve the Bills & Services report for October. Seconded by Katie Rosenberg. Motion carried.**

Public Comments – President Ascher mention that during public comments the board expects the public to be respectful, kind and honest. If the meeting becomes unruly we will adjourn, any repeats of outbursts like the previous meetings the meeting will be adjourned. There is a time limit per person, maximum of 15 minutes per discussion. Individual comments will be limited to 5 minutes per person.

President – The Education Committee which consists of Tim Gierl, Katie Rosenberg and I will meet sometime in December for the Trustee Education information.

Announcements from Closed Session - No action was taken by the board

- The Library Director is to take a look at his interpersonal skills, working with people and being more responsive to the public.
- Tools for evaluation will be more in line with what the County has set up with their evaluations.

- The director along with the board to develop a vision for the future of the library. Whether that is some long term goals, nothing more than 4-5 years out. Create a mission and vision to support those goals.
- Policy revisions and how they are made.
- The future of branches, there has been no discussions of closing any branches.

Other Board Members – No Report

Director's Report – Presented in the Board packet and by Director Ralph Illick.

- All upcoming projects have been suspended. Director Illick handed out a list of all completed projects that have happened since he started. They are listed on the Obligation vs Budget report. We are finishing up a couple of the smaller projects, staff training room and IT office. If you would like clarification of anything please contact Director Illick.
- There was a discussion about a History Room that was to be built using 2013 yearend money. The money allocated for the room is under CIP Customer Service Area.
- Board Member Cihlar would like to know what other projects are ongoing, what the costs are and when they will be completed.
- Stratford agreements came back they just need to be signed. Spencer agreement has been signed and filed.

Board Committees – No Report

Friends of the Library – Former President Dr. Dovenbarger, who was involved with the community and library had passed away.

MCPL Foundation – President Asher reported that she met with the President of the Friends and Foundation and they agreed have more communication between the groups.

Wisconsin Library Trustees & Friends (WLTF) – President Asher reported that there is a big push for Trustee Education with in the WLTF.

Wisconsin Valley Library Service – No Report

2015 MCPL Holiday Closings

**A motion was made by Scott Winch to accept the 2015 MCPL Holiday Closings as presented. Seconded by Katie Rosenberg. Motion carried.**

Announcements – There will be an Education Committee in December.

Request for Future Agenda Items - None

**A Motion was made by Gary Beaström to adjourn the meeting at 2:15. Seconded by Alison Morrow. Motion carried.**




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Library Director