

MAHOMET PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 6:00PM AT THE LIBRARY

Members Present: Jeanne Campion, Chris Moore, Bryan Perrero, Rebekah Rhode, Karin Vermillion

Members Not Present: Chris Forman, Brian Paragi **Also Present:** Lynn Schmit

Approval of Minutes

Chris Moore moved to approve the minutes from August 2018 as amended by adding that he was present at the August meeting. Rebekah Rhode seconded; the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jeanne Campion moved to accept the preliminary financial report for August 2018. Chris Moore seconded. Roll call vote; the motion passed. Jeanne Campion moved to accept the check register for June 2018. Chris Moore seconded. Roll call vote; the motion passed.

Librarian's Report

Lynn Schmit submitted the librarian's report before the meeting. Chris Moore asked about a requirement of the Per Capita grant application that staff and trustees "familiarize themselves with services provided by the Illinois Veterans' History Project". Lynn replied that Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White launched the site. The application's intent is that we become aware of the site and explore some of the several links and opportunities available to veterans.

Audience Comments

There was no audience

Committee Reports – Director Search Committee

Karin Vermillion reported that the committee scheduled interviews for the next 2 candidates for September 20 and 27. She received staff comments on the first candidate. Jeanne recommended that trustees make reference contacts after persons are interviewed.

New Business

A. Adopt Ordinance 2018-3 Tax Levy Ordinance

The finance committee recommended acceptance of the Ordinance. Roll call vote; the ordinance was approved.

B. Review of Chapters 6, 7, and 8 of Trustee Facts File

The trustees read the chapters before the meeting and gave Lynn several comments she can use for the Per Capita grant application.

C. Filing of Ehlers Management Reports

The board agreed to accept the August 2018 report and place it on file.

Closed Session

Trustees agree to table the closed session for approval of minutes until the October meeting.

Strategic Planning

Chris Moore said there were no substantial changes, but he wanted to be certain the plan accurately reflects the trustees' opinions. Trustees must next discuss implementation of strategies. How will they measure success? Should the plan include the Endowment Fund? Probably yes. The preliminary plan will be ready in Oct. Approval of the plan should wait until the new director has reviewed it.

Board Advocacy

Jeanne Campion spoke to Father Joe about having the Mystery Dinner at the church. The fee is \$35 for church members, but is likely to be much higher in 2019. She is concerned that there are only 4-5 round tables; we would have to rent more. It might not be worthwhile. We probably could use Farm Credit again provided we are willing to limit the attendance to 80.

Trustee Comments

Trustees thanked the staff for director interview comments. Jean asked if we heard from Joan Dixon of the Community Foundation. Kate offered to compose a letter regarding reducing our required minimum balance to \$250,000. Chris Moore will send Lynn information on the Champaign Rotary Club's Cannon Grant and asked her to develop a large wish list of \$5,000 or more. Jeanne said Charity Bundren is back to work part-time and hopes to be full-time again soon. Bryan and Chris Moore need more coffee tickets.

Adjournment

Jeanne moved to adjourn the meeting. Rebekah Rhode seconded; the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Lynn Schmit, Director