

MAHOMET PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING DECEMBER 13, 2021 6:15PM AT THE LIBRARY

Members Present: Susie Baker, Jeanne Campion, Carrie Heimann, Kevin Kelsey, Chris Moore, Rebekah Rhode, Kristen Streeeter

Not Present: N/A **Also present:** John Howard, Kate Smith

Chris Moore opened the meeting by reading the library's mission statement: Together we create a welcoming community that empowers everyone to learn, connect, create, and grow.

Approval of the Minutes for November 8, 2021

Chris Moore pointed out a typo in the minutes. Kristen Streeeter moved to approve the minutes from November 8, 2021 as amended. Susie Baker seconded; the motion passed by general consent. There was no discussion.

Treasurer's Report

Jeanne Campion moved to approve the financial report for November 2021. Rebekah Rhode seconded. Roll call vote; all trustees voted in favor of the motion.

Chris Moore asked about the PCORI line item and Kate Smith explained it was an IRS payment related to the QSEHRA plan.

Jeanne Campion moved to approve the check register for November 2021. Kevin Kelsey seconded. Roll call vote; all trustees voted in favor of the motion.

Rebekah Rhode asked why there was a check for \$100,000. John Howard explained that it was a transfer from Busey checking to the Fisher savings account. Kate Smith added that it was from a matured Special Reserves CD.

Carrie Heimann asked if checks were ever written from the Fisher bank accounts or only from Busey. Kate Smith explained that all bills are paid from the Busey account except for bond payments, which are paid from the Bond Fisher account. The only other checks written from Fisher are to move money from one fund to another.

Director's Report

John Howard submitted the director's report before the meeting.

Jeanne Campion said she was excited about the conversion to LED lights in the library, especially since it will not cost the library anything and it will save money going forward on power bills. Chris Moore suggested that the library promote it and thank Ameren.

Chris Moore asked if there were any updates regarding the library joining the Village's healthcare plan. John Howard told the board the Village is working on changing providers and will be looking to review this again in 2022.

Chris Moore asked about the sign repair and if John Howard had checked it. John replied that he did not think it was done well and that he also didn't think the library should have to pay the repair invoice because it should still be under warranty. He told the board he would be pursuing this with the sign company.

Audience Comments

Thomasin Gadel thanked the board for their ongoing support throughout the pandemic and for their support after the recent incidents at the library.

Tammy Caputo thanked the board for their COVID-19 policies, saying that she feels safe as a staff member and she's heard from patrons who feel safe as well.

Committee Reports – no reports

New Business

A. Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Mahomet-Seymour Schools

John Howard presented the final version of the agreement to the board for their approval. Chris Moore asked if teachers were included and John explained that Mahomet-Seymour teachers who live in an unserved area qualify.

Rebekah Rhode moved to approve the agreement. Susie Baker seconded; the motion passed.

B. Proposed Change to Policy XVII Board of Directors section XVII-A Meetings

John presented a proposed change to Policy XVII-A, pointing out that the current policy states that board meetings are held at 6pm and the update will make the policy match reality.

Susie Baker moved to accept the proposed change. Carrie Heimann seconded; the motion passed.

C. Discussion with Architect about Programming, Planning Issues, Goals and Priorities for Expansion Project

John Howard told the board that there would be two parts to this discussion: (1) approval of the letter of agreement with Engberg Anderson and (2) a presentation from architect Joe Huberty.

Chris Moore asked Joe Huberty if design process would allow for downsizing if the library does not receive the construction grant. The architect explained that the intent is to draw parallel plans, one that would be used if the library receives the grant and one to be used if they do not.

Chris Moore and John Howard asked Joe Huberty if “pretty pictures” for the public are included in the current fee and Joe said that they are.

Kevin Kelsey moved to approve the letter of agreement with Engberg Anderson, Inc. Kristen Streeter seconded. Roll call vote; all trustees voted in favor of the motion.

Joe Huberty presented some preliminary concepts to the board. He showed how these could be adjusted based on funding and asked the board to identify their top priorities should they need to reduce the size of the project. He also reviewed the schedule going forward.

Strategic Plan

The board tabled discussion of the next section of the strategic plan until the January meeting.

Board Advocacy—Discussion of Murder Mystery Dinner Feb 2022

John Howard asked the board how they felt about holding this event in February, adding that CUTC has been holding murder mystery events and they have been largely unmasked.

After some discussion, the board decided this is not a good idea, but that they might want to hold the event later in the year if COVID metrics improve. Chris Moore asked John to put it on the agenda for the February meeting.

Trustee Comments –

Kristen Streeter said that she loves the new app and is glad the library finally has one.

Kevin Kelsey thanked library staff for all they do.

Chris Moore reminded the board that Kevin Kelsey had suggested reviewing library policies as they relate to threats to staff and asked the policy committee to meet in early January to discuss it. Kevin added that the policy may be in place, but suggested that perhaps the library should post signage to that effect.

Closed Session

Kristen Streeter moved to enter closed session in order to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body [ILCS 120/2(c)(1)]. Carrie Heimann seconded. The motion passed and the board entered closed session at 7:54pm.

The board returned from closed session at 8:25pm.

Adjournment

Susie Baker moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeanne Campion seconded; the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Kate Smith, Business Manager