

Carthage Public Library

April 9, 2018

President John Dittmer called the meeting to order at 4:35. Also present were Andy Bastert, J.R. Parn, Angie, Perry, Donna Tracy, and Director Amy Gee. David Zanolla and Michelle Bavery were absent.

J.R. made a motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting, Donna seconded, approved.

Reports

Andy Bastert presented the treasurer's report.

The budget spreadsheet was reviewed, and is on track. Amy adjusted the budget to designate some previous expenses as being paid by PerCapita Grant funds instead of regular budget lines. Reviewed the lists of checks written and bank balances reports.

Amy reviewed the highlights of the Librarian's report. We have a new staff member, Wendy Hamer. Tori may work a few hours on a Sunday each month to be able to run computer updates when they are not in use. We now have a U.S. flag displayed on the corner light pole – funds were donated for this specific purpose.

Friends of the Library Spelling Bee went well. Initial estimates are that the event raised almost \$2,000. The next Friends meeting is April 10 and the annual meeting is May 24.

The Foundation needs to set a meeting date.

Unfinished Business

Amy drafted an article about our building options. She will show it to Joy S. for suggestions and if it would be best to submit it to the newspaper or arrange for an interview so the Journal Pilot can prepare their own article. Angie recommended that we ask to see it before it is published.

Amy met with Greta W. from the hospital foundation about fundraising. A summary of the meeting was included in the board packets.

Reviewed the application for the Public Library Construction Act Grant. Amy presented a draft of the project description narrative, and the cost estimates submitted by Mark Misselhorn. Amy will submit the application this week, but the State does not anticipate being able to fund any of the projects.

Discussed the Ato Z Travel and AtoZ World Food databases. Although they appear to be quality products, patrons have not been using the Travel database, and the Board and staff do not think the Food database would be used either as patrons can easily find this kind of information on the Internet.

New Business

Reviewed the I-pad use policy. Donna made a motion to accept it as written. Angie made the 2nd. Carried.

The director presented a request to attend the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) conference in Springfield in Sept. and presented an estimate of expenses for registration, travel, and lodging. Angie made a motion to approve the request and J.R. seconded. Carried.

Andy moved to adjourn at 5:12. Donna seconded and motion carried.
The next meeting will be May 14, 2018.

Amy Gee, Library Director