

Carthage Public Library District
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 18, 2019

President John Dittmer called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Also present were, Angie Perry, Donna Tracy, David Zanolla, Michelle Bavery, and Director Amy Gee. Andy Bastert arrived at 5:00 pm. J.R. Parn was absent.

Angie made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14th meeting, Donna seconded. Carried.

Amy presented the check lists, bank balance, and circulation reports. She also shared the Librarian's Report. There have been problems with the downstairs toilet overflowing. Lee's Sewer was called to clean out the pipes since Larry Hutchison was on vacation so hopefully the problem is solved. Additional gifts in memory of Lina Carlisle Kill have been received totaling \$1310. Programs were discussed, including the upcoming middle school Inklings trip to see author Jason Reynolds at the Rock Island Public Library in which Amy will be included. It was also noted that the PreK story hours are not being well attended. It's unsure if that's due to weather or lack of communication. However, the adult programming (Instant Pot and Gardening) have both been well attended.

In Communication, Darin LaHood will be having mobile office hours on April 10th from 1:30-3:00 at the library for anyone having issues with any federal government agency.

Friends of the Library helped with the Open House for the Library's 125 Anniversary. They will be meeting on April 8 and again for their annual meeting April 23rd at Trinity Lutheran Church.

A financial issue under the budget - \$1500 was added to budget line #16 as the Rural Gateways Grant was added in.

Unfinished Business

A National Public Radio report was shared by Amy in regards to our 125 Anniversary. The Open House was well attended and was a lovely celebration of our library.

John had nothing new to report about the audit.

New Business

Ideas were discussed about bringing back a Focus Group to look at building a new library. Fundraising is a huge concern so talking with people who know a lot about raising money would be helpful. Amy will talk to Greta or Ada from Memorial Hospital and someone from the Tracy Foundation.

Amy will check the cost to buy two window unit air conditioners for upstairs.

The Tracy Foundation Grant of \$5,000 for Early Literacy will be used to buy board books to put in packets at the hospital along with information about the library, money for new curtains upstairs in the children's room, light diffusers, and puzzle storage.

Amy will resubmit an application for Public Library Construction Act Grant.

Minimum wage increase over the next 5 years was talked about and how it will affect the rest of the staff and everyone's hours. A Financial Committee meeting will be held before our April meeting and bring a recommendation to the board.

David made a motion to adjourn, Donna seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40.

Michelle Bavery, Secretary