

Carthage Public Library District
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 10, 2022

President John Dittmer called the regular meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. Also present were Donna Tracy, Andy Bastert, Sarah Talley, and Director Amy Gee. Rebecca Eagan entered at 4:44 p.m. Holly Fecht and Sherry Wright were absent.

Andy made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2021, meeting. Sarah seconded and the motion carried.

Financial Reports

Andy presented the treasurer's report, including the income/expense comparison by category, account balances, and transaction report.

Amy provided the director's financial reports, including the library budget, check list and bank balance reports, cash transaction report, desk fund report, circulation report, wireless usage report, and database activity reports. Amy noted that a corrected version of the November 2021 circulation report was provided for the records.

Director's Report

Amy presented the director's report, highlighting the following:

- The library is having a "Food for Fines" amnesty program in January.
- A "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program is starting.
- Preschool story hour begins January 11.
- The Coding Club is resuming on January 13.
- The Hancock County Family Fair has been cancelled due to Covid 19.
- The Carthage Chamber of Commerce annual meeting and dinner has been cancelled (will be an on-line meeting).

Committee Reports

- Friends of the Library - The Gift Basket raffle drawing raised \$872.
- Foundation - No report.
- Fundraising - Discussed a goal for fundraising for furnishings. Amy will contact Darren Schretter for an estimated amount.

Old Business

Amy is still investigating accounting firms about doing an audit.

New Business

Amy reported that she plans to apply for e-rate funding for equipment for the new library building. McDonough Telephone Cooperative is providing information about what will be needed.

Plans for New Building

A press conference for a ceremonial presentation of the deed to the property for the new building has been scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on January 19 at CVS. Andy agreed to check with Doug Groth at PIG for input into wording for a plaque commemorating the donation of the land for the building.

Amy noted that the next Public Library Construction Act Grant Program report is due on January 15, 2022.

Vinyl plank flooring samples were viewed and discussed. Amy will contact Darren Schretter to request a larger sample for review.

Discussion was held of using the beanstalk window display to track funds raised for furnishings for the new building.

Donna made a motion to adjourn; Sarah seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Donna Tracy, Secretary