

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Charles A. Ransom District Library March 15, 2011

Meeting was called to order by President Asselmeier at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Klade, Klein, Asselmeier, Keeney, Haan, Gelbaugh

Members absent: Heed and Prentice

Director: Bell Moore

P. Caruso – Representing the Friends

No Public

Special Agenda Items: Bob Genestki had to cancel and will re schedule at a later date.

Minutes of the February 15, 2011 meeting were reviewed, correction under New Business to add the word State to read:Carry a weapon in the Library unless carried by a peace officer or as allowed by *state* or federal law.

Motion Keeney/Klein to approve as corrected. Carried

Financial Report:

Bell Moore reviewed the financial report with the Board. She explained the sizeable amount in the PNC account was due to receiving tax checks this amount will be adjusted and some funds transferred to First Community.

President's Report:

President Asselmeier reported that he and Bell Moore attended the Cooper Twp. Meeting. The Cooper Board appreciated the visit and are pleased with the Library progress and growth stats.

Director's Report

Financial: We have currently 62% of our budget income for the year and have spent 62% of the budget.

Programs and Services: Library participated in the Art Hop on Feb. 18th - Adult Reading kicked off on February 17th - Dr. Seuss Night went well on March 1st - 4th Annual Plainwell Senior Expo on March 16th.

Administrative: All new staff computers have been installed. – Completed paperwork for renewal of Liability Insurance through MMRMA and the health insurance renewal process will begin soon. – Meet with representative from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber regarding proposals for building expansion options. They will be submitting a proposal. – In process of getting bids for better lighting of artwork in the Burchfield Room.

Committee Reports:

Budget: Meeting to start the Budget process will be held on March 27th at 1:00

Building and Grounds – No report

Endowment: No report

Personnel: Reminder to submit Bell Moore's evaluation to Klein for calculations

Public Relations: No report

Trustee Comments:

Klade volunteered to look into other options to find investment opportunities for the Library funds. Asselmeier suggested Klade contact Prentice on what has been looked into in the past.

Comments from the Public:

Caruso gave an update on future Friends activities: Book Sale - And on April 20th there will be an E-book presentation.

Continued Business:

Second Reading of the revision of Policy 12 –

Motion Klein/Keeney to table decision on this policy revision until current court cases on this issue are decided.

Discussion the general feeling of the Board members was to wait so that the policy would not have to be revised again if the law changed to include Libraries on the list of exempt locations. Asselmeier disagreed stating that as a governmental unit it was our responsibility to follow the present law and then if we have to revise the policy again to do it at that time.

After closer review of the wording of the proposed revision no change would be needed if the law does change because it simply states the Library will follow “state and federal laws”.

Keeney and Klein agreed to withdraw the motion to table the decision on the proposed revision.

Motion Keeney/Klein to adopt the revision as presented

Patrons are not permitted to engage in the following behaviors on Library property:

- *Carry a weapon in the Library unless carried by a peace officer or as allowed by state and federal law.*

Roll call vote Gelbaugh yes, Klade yes, Klein yes, Keeney yes, Haan yes, Asselmeier yes. 6 yes 0 no

New Business

The Board discussed the concerns with possible state funding cuts due to changes in the Business Tax. The Board requested Bell Moore write to Bob Genetski and explain how cuts could impact the Library and our patrons.

Meeting was adjourned Klade/Keeney at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Haan
Secretary