

Buchanan District Library
Regular Board Meeting
September 15, 2016

Call to Order: President David Perez called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. Board members present were David Perez, Dare Soley, Janet Kuhn, Molly Thornton, Debbie Brooks, Dennis Iler, and Mary Lysy. Director Barbara Wallace represented the Library Staff.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion made by Molly Thornton to accept agenda, seconded by Dare Soley. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Bruce Gordon, a library patron, attended the first fifteen minutes of the meeting.

Community Concerns: Mr. Gordon expressed his concern about the sign near the library entrance prohibiting bikes and skateboards on the sidewalk in front of the library. He finds the sign to be discriminatory towards patrons who may bike or skateboard and strongly felt that a public library shouldn't be prohibiting, but be welcoming to all patrons. Janet Kuhn told Mr. Gordon that a city ordinance prohibits biking and skateboarding on sidewalks. Barbara also told him it is a safety issue for the library. After much discussion David Perez suggested he express his concerns to the City of Buchanan. Barbara said she will speak to Bill Marx, the city manager about his concerns.

Routine Business:

Correspondence: Letter from library attorney Richard Butler Jr. announcing his retirement.

Minutes: Motion made by Molly Thornton to add David Perez and Dare Soley to all library bank accounts and remove Janet Kuhn and Mary Lysy. Seconded by Janet Kuhn. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Janet Kuhn made a motion to accept the report as presented. David Perez seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Public Relations/Fundraising: See Director's report.

Library Policy: See report.

Personnel: Daniel Perrine started Tuesday as our new Circulation Assistant.

Building: Molly Thornton reported estimates are running \$2,000 for a scrolling marque sign to almost \$15,000 for an LED sign. Signature Signs in Galien presented an estimate for vinyl lettering on the windows of the vestibule for \$260 - \$465. Janet Kuhn suggested giving Pam Eddie the opportunity to provide a quote since she has done the library's lettering before. It was decided to let Barbara and the Building Committee make the final decision on signing.

Budget & Finance: No meeting.

Technology: Meeting set for October 6th.

Director's Report: See report.

Unfinished Business:

New Library Attorney. Motion made by David Perez to select Ann Seurnck of Foster Swift Law Firm as the attorney to replace the retiring Richard Butler. Seconded by Dennis Iler. Motion carried.

Trustee Training: Janet Kuhn, Mary Lysy, and David Perez will attend the October 15th training in Kalamazoo, MI.

New Business:

Presentation of amendments to Library Policy Manual: Motion made by Molly Thornton to accept new amendments. Dare Soley seconded. Motion carried.

Questions and comments from Board Members: Dennis had marginal success with the wet and forget solution he applied to the mold along the library roof line. He would like to try once more with a stronger mix. Dennis and Janet both felt it is a good idea to have the roof inspected since Dennis noticed some areas

needing attention when he was on the roof. Barbara felt we should put a time limit on guests who attend the Board Meetings after Mr. Gordon's comments ran 15 minutes.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Next meeting: Next meeting October 20th, 2016