

FLETCHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 5, 2016

Present: Larsen, Haraghey, Hochstetter, Christie, Trecker

Absent: Norton, Regan, Lafontaine, Astin

Call to order: Called to order at 4:04 pm by chair Christie

Audience for citizens: none

Approval of minutes: Date of Spring Open House corrected to May 4, 2016. Minutes approved with correction with motion made by Haraghey, 2nd by Christie and approved by consensus.

Treasurers Report: A question arose about US treasury funds listed on Vendor summary. Anne will clarify with Luci. Report approved with motion made by Trecker, 2nd by Haraghey, approved by consensus.

Librarians Report: Filed at FML. Donations in memory of Arlene Burr total to date is \$1100. The Spring Open House and Book sale was attended by approximately 40 people with 5 new patron cards created and a profit of \$118.66. Discussion of options for repeat event followed. Also noted was that the Strategic Planning meeting with State Library rep. Sue Cormier will potentially be sometime in June.

Assistant Librarians report: none

Old Business: A. Building Maintenance: Christie moved to hire Randy Moran to fix and secure all gutters for a price of \$275. Motion 2nd by Larsen and approved by consensus. Christie reported on septic failure and the assessment of a missing baffle which was discovered at the time of septic tank cleanout. Discussion followed regarding possible action needed and timing of action to occur after Memorial Day. Christie will talk to plumbers and Roto Rooter to evaluate the situation and resolve the problem. Mike Chapel has volunteered to do some ground excavation as needed to facilitate a resolution.

B. Comic collection bookcases: Larsen and Astin have researched ready made book cases in different price ranges. Larsen presented book cases from Staples at \$345.99 each. Motion was made by Larsen, 2nd by Haraghey to purchase 2, possibly 3, bookcase depending on space allowance, from Staples. After discussion, motion was approved by consensus.

New Business: A. New Britain Museum of Art; This pass costs FML \$75 per year and was used 4 times last year. Motion to renew the pass was made by Haraghey, 2nd by Trecker. After discussion, the motion was passed by consensus.

B. Advertisement: In response to the State Library report which suggested that a significant number of FML patrons were using other libraries, Christie suggested that an ad be written for the Gazette and High Road encouraging people to "Come Home to Your Library". Trecker volunteered to write an article with that theme for both local papers.

C. Budget changes: Christie reported that a letter has been received from Charter, stating that Charter Internet may start charging for service. Christie will follow up and report back to the board.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm with motion made by Trecker, 2nd by Larsen, approved by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hochstetter

Next meeting: June 2, 2016