

**Columbus Public Library
Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 19, 2016
Phyllis Luchsinger Callahan Meeting Room**

Peter Kaland called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Present: Trina Reid, Bill O'Donnell, Mary Lou Sharpee, Cindy Fesemyer, Nora Vieau, Dan Stuntebeck and Kate Stover. Excused absence: Jenny Perkins

Also in attendance were Sue Martin of the Columbia County Library Board; Patrick Vander Sanden, City Administrator; Chris Ruetten of Ruckert & Mielke (surveying firm) and Marilyn Moore, homeowner of the house on the corner, adjacent to the Library.

Adoption of the Agenda: Bill moved and Dan seconded a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Board Minutes: Kate moved and Mary Lou seconded a motion to accept the Board meeting minutes from March 15th. Motion carried.

Library/Community Commons Area Project Update : Patrick Vander Sanden, City Administrator spoke to the issue of the Library project, addressing the likelihood of CPL winning a CDBG at this time, with the city not hitting the level of poverty in the community, required by the State. Being based on 6-year old census data, the Library will continue working with Cindy Jaggi of Economic Development Partners (a consulting firm) to get current poverty data, and a generally broader data picture. This, to graph the needs of the Library in trying to keep up with the growing demand for modern information services. [Note: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is due at the end of May, a target we may not hit.]

Property Line Survey Presentation: Chris Ruetten of Ruckert & Mielke presented the Property Survey map showing the library and its adjoining properties. The main point is that the library has a 10-foot wide easement, which basically goes thru both driveways of the 2 homes adjoining the library property. Marilyn Moore, one of the homeowners was present for Chris's discussion. We gave Marilyn a copy of the survey map. Pete will approach the other homeowner and discuss our tentative plans for cars to get in and out of our parking lot, once the E. James St. exit is closed, during the construction project.

Columbia County Library Board Annual Report – was presented by Sue Martin of the Board. She spoke of the importance of libraries in general and some of the generous donations they have gotten, especially from the Culvers family. She also recognized Mary Lou Sharpee as Library Advocate of the Year. She mentioned that in all the years Sue has been involved in presenting this award, the Board has never seen anyone with the breadth of service to others as Mary Lou.

Financial Secretary's Report: The SCLS Foundation Fund balance is \$234,158.25. The Anchor Bank balance is \$34,068.62. The Farmers and Merchants Bank balance is \$6,216.45.

We do not have current figures for F&M and Anchor Banks, these are last month's figures. Pete moved and Dan seconded a motion to accept the report. Motion carried.

Pete & Cindy discuss our fees with the SCLS Foundation and this item will be on the agenda at next SCLS Foundation Board meeting. As was noted last month, we pay approximately \$350. per month, each month, for them to manage our funds.

We received copies in our packet of the 2016 Budget.

Approval of Bills: Bill moved and Nora seconded a motion to accept the bills in the amount \$14,146.96. Motion carried.

Director's Report :

- Cindy showed an ALA film clip on the Columbus Public Library which has draw good reviews and from some far away conferences Cindy has attended.
- As was mentioned last month, the first week of April, Cindy will be attending the Public Libraries Association Conference in Denver. This trip is almost completely funded by the Aspen Institute and the WI Library Assn. She is presenting a panel on Libraries Transforming Communities
- There will be a party at the Library on Friday, June 3rd, 4PM-6PM, honoring Mary Lou Sharpee
- As has been mentioned before, the library staff and Jan Ulrich will host a book launch party at the Lewis House on June 9th
- We discussed fines, fees and stats
- Sadly, Katrina is leaving CPL shortly for a library position, closer to home in the Twin Cities. She will be greatly missed and has been an asset to the library. The Board thanks her for her hard work in her time with us. The library is accepting applications to fill Katrina's position.
- Cindy advises us that the library is expecting an infestation of Gnomes this summer.

Friends of the Library:

- The last FOL Culvers Night fund raiser raised about \$100.
- The FOL Arbor Day Book Sale will be held May 29 & 30 at the Fireman's Park Pavilion

Correspondence : none

Committee Reports : none

Building Ad Hoc Committee : none

Building & Grounds : none

Policy : none

Personnel :

President's Report: none

Unfinished Business

Paid Time Off for Part Time Employees : The planned discussion of paid time off for part-time employees was tabled on a motion by Kate and seconded by Trina. No vote is needed for this.

There being no further business, Dan moved and Nora seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Bill O'Donnell, Secretary