

MINUTES AD HOC LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

APRIL 6, 2020

Friederichs called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Members present in person were Ann Friederichs, Kayla Loesch, Alicia LaBeau, City County Member, and Belinda Ludwig, Treasurer/Acting City Administrator. Also present via Zoom were: Beth Voss, Joan Nevitt, and Kateri Gruber, Library Services Coordinator. Also present via phone was: Pat Hanson, Advisory Member. Absent were Megan Brick and GRRL Representative.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Ludwig to approve the minutes from the March 30, 2020 Ad Hoc Library Development Board meeting with a change to the paragraph regarding Dickhausen opinion to: “Dickhausen had questions about the project regarding programming and what financial support would come from the taxpayers and the City” and remove the existing first sentence in that paragraph. Seconded by LaBeau and unanimously carried.

ASSESS MOVING FORWARD DUE TO COVID-19

Ludwig reported that the City Council met today and the Council would like the Board to continue with their research on the Library and its location. The City Property Negotiations Board also met today to discuss the former Shopko building. Friederichs is concerned with continuing due to the economics caused by COVID-19. Friederichs and Loesch stated they are not in favor of moving the Library out of the downtown area. They have both talked to several people in the downtown area and feel that is not a favorable choice especially if there is also talk about moving the City Hall from downtown. LaBeau felt there are many varying opinions within the Council. The Board felt it was important to proceed with the survey as soon as possible and asked if Voss felt she and Brick could get something going on this as soon as Friday and see if the Press would do a story about it in the April 15th Press. Ludwig stated that the City could have the survey available on the City’s website and advertise such on the City’s Facebook site. Gruber stated that they could also advertise on the Library’s website. At the April 20th meeting, the Board could look at the results that were in by that time but have the survey run until the May 4th Library Board meeting.

GRANTS – NEVITT

Nevitt reported that the Central MN Community Foundation Study Grant is no longer available as those funds are being earmarked for the COVID-19 emergency.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Hanson has been working on getting new members for the Friends of the Library Committee. So far, she has about 5 members. There is a requirement to have 11 members in order to apply for 501C status. There are costs to become a 501C of approximately \$1,000. Hanson will apply for an endowment fund offered through Paynesville Lutheran Church to cover such costs.

GOALS FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting set for Monday, April 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.:

- Get the surveys ready to go on the City's website by April 10th with an update on the survey results at the April 20th meeting
- Put a story in the Press regarding the survey and on the City's Facebook site
- Apply for the Paynesville Lutheran Church endowment grant for 501C expenses
- Continue to solicit members for the Friends of the Library Committee

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.