

CAHOKIA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
Minutes for the Board of Trustees Meeting
November 9, 2020

Meeting was called to order by Cindy Horn at 6:33p.m.

Roll Call: Cindy Horn, Dan Greer, Dave Kocureck, Cynthia Trammell, Kris Morice and Director Jeremy Staicoff. Absent: Yvette McFadden, who was able to join at 8:00p.m.

Public Comments: A presentation was made by Touchette Regional Hospital President, Jay Willsher and Transportation Coordinator, Cameo Phillips. They shared info about a 9-week old bicycle program, "Touchette Bicycle Mission." They, and others, bike every Thursday @ 4:30p.m., bringing portable food with them and stopping to ask anyone they meet if they are hungry. The STL Lutheran Foundation helps fund them.

They are looking for a warming center and suggested the Library become one. Jeremy is doubtful, due to Covid and lack of adequate ventilation, that this can happen at the present time. He will, however, meet with them and accept promotional materials. David K. volunteered to visit them at Touchette on a Thursday to visit, observe and report back his observations.

Discussion followed pertaining to feasibility, safety and getting them in touch with the Cahokia Food Pantry.

Adopt Agenda or make corrections to the order of business. Motion to approve by D. Kocurek. 2nd by D. Greer. Ayes: C. Horn, D. Greer, D. Kocurek, C. Trammell and K. Morice. Nays: none

Correspondence: State of Illinois has inquired about the Friends of the Library. If found to be inactive, then the program may be discontinued. C. Horn suggested that we pay the nominal fee, draw names and send them to the state to keep the program intact.

Finance Report: all agreed that numbers are steady and positive, similar to when we had the public visit inside the library. Motion to approve by

D. Kocurek. 2nd by C. Trammell. Ayes: C. Horn, D. Greer, D. Kocurek, C. Trammell and K. Morice. Nays: none

Expenditures: A motion to approve by K. Morice. 2nd by C. Trammell. Ayes: C. Horn, D. Greer, D. Kocurek, C. Trammell and K. Morice. Nays: none

Director's Report: At the present time, three individuals have applied for the Assistant Director position. Two have Library degrees. Jeremy will evaluate the prospective candidates. Motion to approve by D. Kocurek. 2nd by D. Greer. Ayes: C. Horn, D. Greer, D. Kocurek, C. Trammell and K. Morice. Nays: none

Youth Director's Report: Jeremy added to the existing report that the Water Kit Program/Science Club has been launched. Grant money was provided by the Sierra Club in the amount of \$100. Other grants may be available.

Motion to approve by K. Morice. 2nd by C. Trammell. Ayes: C. Horn, D. Greer, D. Kocurek, C. Trammell and K. Morice. Nays: none

Trustee Concerns: none were presented

Old Business: Intergovernmental Agreement for Cooperative Mobile Library Service - we are ready to join forces with the other libraries involved in the program. Unfortunately, we cannot physically do this during Covid, but plan to launch the program with the signing of the agreement. Motion to approve by D. Kocurek. 2nd by C. Trammell. Ayes: C. Horn, D. Greer, D. Kocurek, C. Trammell and K. Morice. Nays: none

New Business: a) **Levy Ordinance** needs approval and signing. Motion by C. Trammell. 2nd by D. Kocurek. Ayes: C. Horn, D. Greer, D. Kocurek, C. Trammell and K. Morice. Nays: none

b) **TIF Resolution** - a letter has arrived which asks us to give our blessing to have an extension for the TIF program in Cahokia. After discussion, it was decided to approve the signing for a 12-year extension through 2032.

Motion by D. Greer. 2nd by Y. McFadden. Ayes: C. Horn, D. Greer, D. Kocurek, C. Trammell, Y. McFadden and K. Morice. Nays: none

c) Annexation of Territory of Cahokia Heights - Jeremy and Cindy have spoken with the attorney. We must sign up by January, 2021 in order to be on the ballot in April, 2021. Motion to begin this legal process by C.

Trammell. 2nd by D. Kocurek. Ayes: C. Horn, D. Greer, D. Kocurek, C. Trammell, Y. McFadden and K. Morice. Nays: none

d) eRate Consultant Agreement - it was explained by Jeremy that the consultant(s) would assist in acquiring funding for a new internet system for the Library. The Belleville Library is already using the services of eRate. Their proposed fees for Cahokia sound very reasonable. Jeremy thinks it sounds like a great opportunity. Dan raised concerns about the possibility of paying for more than we need, or getting less than we need because it is determined by others that less is good enough. Discussion followed and it was decided that more research and information would be needed before any decision can be made.

e) Review Serving Our Public 4.0, Chapters 8-13 - it was decided to postpone reviewing these chapters until January, 2021.

f) Director - Jeremy made a formal request for a specific salary increase now that he has been the Director of the Library for 18 months. He explained that a pay increase had already been budgeted for 2020, so his request could be approved and go into effect beginning December 1, 2020. Jeremy then removed himself from the call. Discussion followed with the determination that a formal Review would be needed before any decision could be made. Cindy will send out a Director's Review for us to return before a newly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 30, 2021.

Motion to adjourn made by K. Morice at 9:06p.m. 2nd by D. Kocurek. Ayes: C. Horn, D. Greer, D. Kocurek, C. Trammell, Y. McFadden and K. Morice. Nays: none