

Dewitt Community Library Draft Minutes October 15, 2015

Present: Nana Ross, Carl Austin, Julian Modesti, Nina Brown, Christene Gantos, Sybil Schultz, Rosalie Young, Shelly Field, Mary Keib Smith, Jill Enright, Meisje Havens

Excused: Steve Lux, Doug Arena, Irene Scruton, Lydia Waslyenko

Absent: Wendy Scott, DCL Director

Also Present: DCL Librarian Marc Wildman, DCL staff Erin Cassidy, and public attendee Robert Tartakoff

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Mary

Approval of Minutes: Julian moves to accept the draft minutes from September 2015. Nana seconds. Majority vote in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Carl- The NY State Special Legislative Grant has arrived in amount of \$16,000.

Directors Report: Marc – Library closed Tuesday October 13 due to flooding of a restaurant upstairs in the mall. Fire Dept and Mall responded by calling in a property clean up crew and the mall will cover the cost. Most of the collection and equipment was preserved but a small amount of the collection was damaged. Inventory is still being taken. Will need to replace 120 ceiling tiles and the Director's office is badly damaged. Bathrooms are currently closed and printer and copier still with some issues. The rest of the services are back up and running. Marc called our insurance company to report the incident.

DCL's Senior Fair is next Friday October 23rd from 10-2 in Shoppingtown Mall. Sixty vendors are planned. Television anchor Laura Hand is the guest speaker. All are welcome to come.

The annual Malloween event will be held on 10/29.

DCL has hired 2 new pages.

Wendy circulated the monthly Director's Report to Board Members via email and everyone can review.

Library staff Erin displayed changes in website. The new layout that is more graphic, easier to update, and more clearly promotes programming. Hours and contact info are more prominently displayed.

Committee Reports:

Design Committee– Mary – Carl, Mary, and Steve met with Tobin and attorney regarding the expiration of the contract to buy the land. Tobin is still interested in selling and wanted a close-by date.

5:55 Julian motions to go into Executive Session to discuss and vote on contract issues. Christene seconds. Majority in favor.

6:21 Christene moves out of Executive Session. Mary seconds. Majority in favor.

Carl motions to accept the revised contract with Tobin. Meisje seconds. 7 in favor. 4 against. Motion passed by majority vote.

Nominating Committee – Mary. Steve and Rosalie are phasing off the Board with the maximum number of years served. There are tow 3-year terms to fill. The 2 new candidates bio information will be circulated to Board members. The Board is invited to suggest additional candidates to Mary or Lydia.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Correspondence: None

Announcements: None

Period for Public Expression: Robert Tartakoff, Board candidate introduced himself. He has worked many years as a homebound tutor here at DCL and talked about the impact of library being too small on his practice. He would be happy to donate some time to this exciting building project.

Adjournment: 6:37 Nina motioned to adjourn. Meisje seconded. All in favor.

These minutes will be presented in draft form at the November 2015 meeting for approval.

Christene Gantos, Secretary