

Dewitt Community Library Draft Minutes September 17, 2015

The meeting was Called to Order at 5:34 p.m. by Steve Lux

Present: Steve Lux, Nana Ross, Doug Arena, Carl Austin, Julian Modesti, Lydia Waslyenko, Nina Brown, Irene Scruton, Christene Gantos

Excused: Shelly Field, Rosalie Young, Mary Keib Smith, Meisje Havens, Sybil Schultz

Absent:

Also Present: Wendy Scott, DCL Director

DCL's new Outreach Librarian, Nan Brown, was introduced by Wendy Scott

Approval of Minutes: Steve motioned to approve minutes from July and Nana seconded. Voted unanimously in favor. Steve motioned to approve August minutes and Lydia seconded. Nina, Irene, Carl, and Christene abstained due to absence at the August meeting. Remaining voted unanimously in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Carl- \$259,000 expended on the building project year to date. The NY State special legislative grant has arrived and was deposited in Board designated fund.

Directors Report: Wendy – Additional \$6,000 is now avail from NYS library construction grant. Library had a very successful Summer Reading program. Large increase in teen participation, likely due to offerings of technical and production-type programming. The DCL bookkeeper position now being job shared between 2 staff. A decision will be made after the new year about whether to hire a full-time person instead.

Committee Reports:

Design – Steve – Two firms are being considered to hire as the construction management firm for the building project, LaChase and Heuber Breuer. Both companies have comparable price plans. The Design Committee will be evaluating and deciding between the two firms. Anyone on the Board is welcome to attend Design Committee meetings or contact Mary with thoughts to share with the committee. Thank you to Mary, Carl, Doug, and Steve for all of the hours they have spent on this project thus far.

Financing- Carl- Comparison handout distributed comparing the financing offers from 3 banks, Tompkins, Community Bank, and M & T. From a financial perspective, Carl prefers Tompkins and Community and is recommending Community, especially for the offer of 25 year amoritization. Nana makes a motion that we execute a term sheet with Community Bank. Nina seconded. Julian abstained. All others in favor. Passed by majority vote.

6:00 Steve motioned to move to executive session to discuss purchase of property. Carl seconded. All in favor.

6:30 Steve motioned to move out of Executive Session. Nina seconded. All in favor

Nominating Committee – Lydia- There will be 2 positions to fill, Rosalie and Steve. 3 other people in mind. Invited board members to give any of their suggestions to Lydia.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Correspondence: Mary, Carl, Julian, and Steve met with Senator DeFransisco who was very supportive of having the building project outside of the mall.

Announcements: None

Period for Public Expression: None in attendance.

Adjournment: 6:40 Nina motioned to adjourn. Christene seconded. All in favor.

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

Christene Gantos, Secretary