

Dewitt Community Library Draft Minutes July 21, 2016

Present: Barbara MacDonald, Doug Arena, Jill Enright, Robert Tartakoff, Mary Keib Smith, Meisje Havens, Shelly Field, Carl Austin, James Trevett

Excused: Christene Gantos, Nina Brown, Nana Ross, George Kallander, Lydia Wasylenko

Also Present: Wendy Scott, Director

Call to order at 5:33 by Mary

Approval of minutes from June. Barbara motions to accept and Miesje seconds. All voted in favor of acceptance.

Treasurer's Report- Carl says all looks good.

Directors Report: Wendy –

Wendy has to have Assurances voted on by the board. Miesje makes a motion that the board accept the Assurances public library document regarding the construction grant proposal. All voted in favor.

Regarding children's fines removal, Wendy proposes to raise adult fees per day by 5 cents. This would not affect lost items, etc. Shelly made a motion to remove fines for children and teens, Miesje seconded, all voted for except one against. Doug made a motion to increase the adult fines to 25 cents beginning Sept 1st. Jill seconded. Six in favor, 2 against.

Book objection by a Syracuse citizen to A Thousand Deadly Skills, written by a Navy SEAL. 114 libraries own this book and Library Journal approves it. Wendy has received a letter, from the Town of Dewitt letterhead, which she will respond to. She will also state that the letter is dated May and she received it July 16.

A construction grant approval requirement now will include SHPO study (Phase I). We have approved the contract and the archeologist has started and will be done Sunday, July 24.

Good News: New partnerships in STEM training – Girls LeMoyne College Club, may have potential grant options. Also the MOST is interested in maker space of new building DCL.

Committee Reports

Fundraising: nothing

Facilities – Mary/Doug:

Start date potentials are August 1 or November 1 depending on bats. \$150,000 potential cost increase may be a result of a delay. Construction will still take a year. There is now a contract for a bat expert to do on-site two-night auditory investigation in the next week or two and the clearing (if no bats present) would need to start the day after the second night.

There is also a potential concern about the sidewalk and right-of-way installation. There have been two measurements for where the sidewalk is and it is currently in the county right-of-way. DCL needs to go to the Town of Dewitt (hopefully next Monday July 25) and ask for agreement with this. This would be similar to the other sidewalks on Jamesville Road that fall to the Town for ownership, maintenance and liability.

The closing is almost done. One paperwork item remains but should be soon.

Board discussion re: hiring an Owner's Representative for the building project. James has reached out to two people to see what their availability and interest is. Both are interested and would like expectations. James and Doug will write up expectations including hours per week, level of decision making, etc.

New Business: Mary proposes Nina as the Committee Chair for Nominations committee, Jill seconds. All in favor.

Adding Lauryn Golding to Board: Mary makes a motion to approve Lauryn as a provisional new trustee, Miesje seconds, seven in favor and one opposed.

The litigation decision in which DCL won has been appealed by Mr. Murphy.

Old Business: None

Friends Report: Have been involved and interested in capital campaign.

Correspondence: None

Announcements: None

Period for Public Expression-

Adjournment: Miesje moves to adjourn at 6:52 pm.

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the August 2016 meeting.