

Oscar Grady Library Board Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2017

Members & Guests Present

Present: Kris Becker, Joe Caban, Jen Gerber, Kay Hamann, Mary Jo Hansen, Sonia Lear, Heidi Rettler, Tyler Quaas.

Absent: Hope Mullins.

Guests: None.

1) Call to Order

Sonia Lear called the meeting of the Oscar Grady Library Board to order at 6:00P.

2) Statement of Public Notice

The Statement of Public Notice was properly posted.

3) Citizen Comments

None.

4) Approval of Minutes from Prior Meetings

The minutes of the July 11, 2017 meeting were approved as amended. No meeting was held in August.

5) Financial Report

A motion was made, seconded, and passed authorizing payment of the July & August 2017 CSRF bills and General Fund Financial Reports.

6) Library Closing Dates – 2018

A motion was made, seconded, and passed, approving the recommended 2018 closing date listing as submitted. Next year, the closing dates will be discussed and voted on in August.

7) Budget - 2018

J. Gerber reviewed the 2018 budget; the board asked questions throughout. Number of patrons served, program attendance, Digital Media Lab, and unique collections all factor in to a strong library for our patrons.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the 2018 Municipal General Fund Budget & 2018 Capital Request, with a request for a 2% staff salary increase.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the 2018 CSRF Budget as submitted.

8) Director's Report

J. Gerber attended the Leadership Development Institute in Madison; there was an assigned topic for each day. J. Gerber stated that the program was excellent.

The WLA board meets bi-monthly; J. Gerber sits on this board. The Monarch Library System merger was discussed extensively. There is a DPI study for system redesign commissioned by the Governor's Office that will conclude in about 8 months. Washington County does not want to wait until this study concludes; they want to consolidate everything into one statewide system and end cross-county payments. A resolution to change state statutes is being developed. As a result, the WLA is drafting a call to action for library directors to attend and speak at Washington County board meetings.

The Children's Halloween party is coming! Mad Science will be presenting the program, "Halloween Spooktacular".

Martin Morante is coming up with a lot of great new programming ideas. The library owns the copyright for Audiophile Records; there will be an event November 14th at Smith Bros. Coffee House in Port Washington playing records and talking about the history of the company. The movie "Murder on the Orient Express" is coming out in November; the library is working with the Marcus Theatre to have a Library Night to view the movie. There will be an Adult & Senior Storytime program featuring short stories being read by staff starting in the late morning at the library in October. The first reading will feature Halloween-related stories. Please ask at the Circulation Desk for details on any of these upcoming events.

Monarch System Director Amy Birtell will be attending the October board meeting and be on the agenda.

9) Communications

None.

10) Other Matters

J. Gerber requested that we cancel the November 14th meeting so that the board can attend the event at Smith Bros. Coffee House, unless urgent business arises.

11) Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:36P. The next meeting date will be Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Heidi Rettler