

PAYETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2014

Roll Call: Erica Bazil, Stephen Cook, Anne Hanigan, John Held, Colleen Bonnell present. Nancy Dale, City Council Liaison, Jeff Williams, Mayor, and Mary Cordova from the City were also present. Claire Ames was excused.

John Held called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Erica moved to accept the Jan. 14th minutes as amended, Anne seconded. All approved.

Stephen moved that the bills be sent to the City for payment. Anne seconded. All approved.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Colleen is back to work 2-4 hours/day. The Kindergarten enrichment activity at the Primary School went very well. Planning for the summer reading program is getting organized – consideration towards using the Council members to help with booths and looking into using the traveling discovery center were discussed. Jeff Williams said to call him and council members if the library needs volunteers during Summer Reading. Mary Cordova will email link to traveling science truck.

OLD BUSINESS:

Artwork in the Library: Stephen took a tour of the museum. They have everything we could possibly want for artwork. He suggested creating a time line of maps of City or pictures of families that have been a part of Payette for generations and adding their names under the pictures. Maybe by seeing this artwork, people would find interest in visiting the museum. With so much artwork available, it could just be rotated through. Help and hanging equipment may need to be requested from the City once artwork is obtained and is ready to be hung on the walls. Anne is still checking with the high school about metalwork. An idea was formed about simply buying frames for art project to be rotated and displayed in.

Amnesty Week: Collection letters have been mailed out. When people begin to respond to them, it is important they are directed to City Hall to make payments.

John reported on his presentation to the City. He thought the report went well. Nancy Dale felt the presentation provided good information. She was surprised to see the volume of information and services that the library provides. The Mayor brought up rural dues and encouraged the Board to look at them.

Policies: The Board will review the book selections policy and the use of library policy and return to next month's meeting with recommendations to improve/change/update them.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was the feeling of the Board that some type of donation in memory of Paula Winsor should be made. Suggestions were brought up regarding a bench or picture. Contact will be made with FOPPL to see if they already had something in mind in order to find the best way to use a donation in her memory.

Mayor Jeff Williams informed the Board that we can maybe use money from capital improvement funds sooner rather than later – all money from grants are going to be used up. Bids for doors are already back. The doors are ADA compliant, however, they need to be automated. We received \$15,000 in additional grant funding from USDA for the amphitheater. John asked if we have to ask city council for permission to put additional money in budget to spend. The mayor said it would not be an issue.

Cordova informed the Board that due to the government shut down, the rebate for the Build America bonds was lowered by \$1,500 a year. This decrease in revenue was not budgeted.

Rural Dues: Current price for non-resident card is \$40.00, while patrons who live within city limits are paying much higher. Mary Cordova provided the following example and information: Levy rate this year for the library was approximately \$112.00 for every \$100,000 taxable value of home. Average home in Payette County is valued at approximately \$125,800; Payette City \$117,000.

Stephen Cook left at 6:30.

Further discussion on rural dues included John's opinion that the bond levy shouldn't be added on because City voted. Erica said she has talked with several people in/around the community who feel they would be willing to pay a higher price for their card for all the Library has to offer. Mayor Jeff Williams and City Hall hears complaints from voters who don't believe it's fair the city residents actually pay more for services to the library than non-residents. It is the common opinion that the Library's yearly price is the best value in the area. The Board suggested raising it's yearly non-resident card fee to \$60.00 but to offer families the option of breaking up the year into quarters and paying one quarter at a time. This might provide a more feasible option for those who wish to only participate in the summer reading program, or perhaps charging – summer reading \$25.00 quarter. \$30.00 half year. \$60.00 year. Whichever final decision is made by the Board, rate increases over 5% must go before the public in a hearing. The Board will discuss this further at their next meeting when all are present.

Colleen informed the Board that FOPPL had once mentioned they would provide the money to improve the old lighting around the circulation desk. She plans on asking if that is still something they're willing to take care of and get the ball rolling on that project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Erica asked that the Board discuss whether or not it would be interested in supporting the PTO for the Payette Primary School's annual carnival/fundraiser by offering a reading basket or non-resident card, etc. as a raffle prize. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Comments have been made from the public again that it appears too many lights are on at night inside the library. Colleen will look into that to make sure automatic timers are working. She thought they were currently set from 8-8.

ADJOURN: Anne moved, and John seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:05 pm.