

**Wyomissing Public Library
Board Meeting
Monday, February 18, 2019**

The meeting was called to Order at 7:05 p.m. by Kurt Althouse

Board Members Present: Amy Auchenbach, Kurt Althouse, Joe DeMarte, Jeff Herb, Adriane Hoke, Vicki Jenckes, Jody Menon (Borough Representative), Mark Ratcliff, Lindsay Romeo, Jaime Slotkin, Lori Smerek, Marge Vath

Library Director: Colleen Stamm

A MOTION was made by Vicki Jenckes to approve the January, 2019 Board meeting minutes and it was seconded by Mark Ratcliff. The motion carried unanimously.

President's Report: Kurt Althouse

Kurt proposed Adriane Hoke for a position as a voting board member. Lori Smerek made a MOTION to nominate Adriane Hoke for the open voting position. Vicki Jenckes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The settlement on the library building with Wyomissing Borough is scheduled for February 28. The Borough is working on obtaining title insurance.

Treasurer's Report: Vicki Jenckes

The Library planned budget from October and the proposed budget under the Borough were compared. With adjustments for telephone and maintenance person the differences are minor and will not present a problem.

The library currently does not have a custodian. Continuing the usually policy of setting up for events held in the Community Room for persons or groups renting the room is not possible without a custodian. Currently non-profit groups pay only \$25 to use the room. It was decided that, rather than raise the Community Room rentals across the board, it would now be explained to users of the room that they must do their own set-up and tear down. The procedure usually only involves moving around tables and chairs.

Corresponding Secretary: Marge Vath

No Report

Librarian's Report: Colleen Stamm

1. Library Usage Statistics for January, 2019

- a. Materials circulation: 5394 items. That was a 14% increase compared to the same month last year.
- b. Overdrive eBooks: 180 downloads; That was a 1% increase compared to the same month last year.
- c. People: 4585 people entered the library; a 31% increase compared to the same month last year.
- d. Computer Users: There were 394 accesses for the month; a 1% decrease compared to the same month last year.
- e. Children's programming: 498 patrons participated in the children's activities; That was a 26% increase compared to the same month last year.

- f. Adult Programming: 282 patrons took part in our activities. a 61% increase compared to the same month last year.
 - g. One Click Downloadable Audio: 33 downloads; a 3% increase compared to the same month last year.
 - h. AWE Early Literacy Stations: 106 accesses, a 19% increase compared to the same month last year.
 - i. Mango Languages: 127 patrons took advantage of this program; a 19% increase compared to the same month last year.
 - j. Wireless Internet Users: 264 people used the library Wi-Fi access; a 19% increase compared to the same month last year.
 - k. Hoopla: 165 accesses. a 400% increase compared to the same month last year.
2. The Drag Queen Story time drew a number of verbal protests after the program. Most protests were not from Wyomissing residents. There were many positive comments from actual patrons of the library.

Committee Reports:

1. Fundraising/Community Affairs:

The Volunteer luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 11 at 1:00 p.m. with the library being closed for one hour.

Josh and Andrea Ditsky Family has agreed to lend their house for this year’s Kentucky Derby party. There was discussion on raising the ticket price for this fundraiser. A MOTION was made by Lori Smerek to increase the ticket price to \$110 for Association members and \$125 for non-members. It was seconded by Joe DeMarte. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Membership: Jaime Slotkin

The committee is working on the first Association Membership Appeal letter for 2019. They are planning to have it mailed by March or April.

3. Buildings & Grounds:

Restore Core Group has requested a meeting to discuss a final payment for the repair of the roof after the 2014 hail storm. Even though they have made many attempts to correctly repair it, there are still leaks in various areas of the roof.

4. Nominating: Joe DeMarte

There is still 1 open voting Board member position and several At-Large (non-voting) positions. Please send any recommendations to Joe DeMarte or Colleen Stamm.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Kurt proposed that we look at reinvigorating the Sponsorship Committee and consider what role that committee can play in gaining funding for the library.

The board was made aware of a recent incident in the library in which a person sitting in a computer cubicle (not using the computer) was found incoherent as a result of an inappropriate use of canned air. This brought to the forefront the issue of 3 – 5 homeless people who use the library

as a daytime refuge. Two of whom are frequently there from the time the library opens until closing frequently lounging in the area where the teen books are located. This year there are particular issues with strong body and clothing odors that permeate the rooms of the library.

Two initial steps to address the issue are proposed:

- 1) Rearranging furniture and converting the “reading area” to a space for teens and teen activities, including consolidating all the Young Adult books into the area. Consulting with staff member Maria Long and our library’s Teen Advisory Board in making the space more teen friendly.
- 2) Updating the library’s “Code of Conduct”, last updated in 2007, to bring it into alignment with the policies of the Reading Public Library and the County Library System. Marge and Colleen will work on it and present it to the Board for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM

Meeting Minutes submitted by Marge Vath

Next Executive Board Meeting: 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2019

Next Board Meeting: 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2019