

Musser Public Library Board of Trustees

Musser Public Library, 408 East 2nd St

November 17th, 2021, 5:00pm

Roll Call

Present: Pam Collins; Scott Comstock; Jane Daufeldt; Nancy Dew; Diana Gradert; Jarod Johnson; Anthony Loconsole; Jeanett Martinez; Jon Moravec; Bret Olson

Guest: Greg Benefiel; Robert Fiedler; Mallory Moffitt, secretary; Chad Yocom

Call to Order: Gradert called the meeting to order at 5:03pm

Approval of Agenda: Daufeldt moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Dew; Motion passed

Approval of Minutes: Olson moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Daufeldt; Motion passed

Ratify Bills for Payment: Dew moved to ratify bills from 10/22 and 11/5 as presented; seconded by Comstock; Motion passed

Receive Communications: No report

Citizens Speak: No report

Staff Liaison: No report

Friends' Report: Grossheim calendar is out and for sale at the Library, Hy-Vee, and Fareway. Kent did not pay for printing but did give the library \$5000, next year they will match whatever we raise up to \$5000. Putting together a mini golf tournament for groups of 4 on a weekend in January, held on the two upper floors. Hoping to make it an annual event.

Director's Report: No report

New Business

- 1. Budget overview** - Started the budget process for the city, not at a point to present yet. We will not be submitting a flat budget but there will be no substantial increase. We will not be absorbing the increase in fees with subscription services. There was an increase in Polaris dues catalog that were paid through RiverShare (RiverShare covered \$2500 per library). Personnel will stay relatively the same. Pages are still making less than the city minimum. City will have to adjust wage issues. Pam has not decided what to do with her salary, and wants to be at the same level as directors at comparable libraries.
- 2. County-wide Library Boards meeting** - Wilton has a new library director: Molly. Pam talked with Molly and Alicia about arranging a county-wide board meeting.

3. **Channel 5 update** - Channel 5 is available worldwide on smart tvs or mobile apps (AppleTv and Roku). Keeping track of Video on Demand stats on a weekly basis. Continually working on new shows. Contactor has designed a 20ft tall mast for the rooftop camera. It will produce its own 24/7 livestream, has 30x optical zoom, and is remotely controllable and programmable. We received an anonymous check for \$2000 for children's programming. Working on installing remote cameras (one going in the cat room at the Humane Society). Sponsorships will come second to programming.
4. **Grossheim copyright update** - Channel 9 (MCC) was broadcasting Grossheim photos without clearing copyright with us. We allow individuals/groups to use the photos but do not allow for broadcasting or reproduction for sale. Naomi told her staff that if they were online they were free to use the photos. Pam told her what information we would need to grant permission and that we would not have given them permission to use those photos for broadcast. We have a right to reproduce images form/policy in place.
5. **Censorship attempt in the school system** - Pam sat on a citizen review committee about censorship at the High School. The book 'All Boys Aren't Blue' is intended for readers 14+ and is a memoir about a gay African American boy. Across the country school board meetings are becoming more popular and groups are beginning to look at books and their availability in school libraries. We are not sure of the intent of the complaint. Hoping this issue stays within the school district and that we will not be impacted. We do have policies in place for situations like this (Library Bill of Rights and Freedom to Read Statement).

Adjourn: Gradert adjourned the meeting at 6:10pm

Next Board Meeting December 15th, 2021