

Library Board Meeting - May 28, 2019

Members Present: Library Director Christina Becker; Board Members Jen Baker-Porazinski, Sue Mitchell, Sue Sawyer, Clem Crowe, Ken Gottry, Bob Odess, and Monica Ravreby

JBP made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes. SM seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

BO reviewed the Treasurer's report.

BO made a motion to reimburse CB, MR and KG for mileage to the Annual SALs meeting. CC seconded all were in favor.

SM made a motion to pay for mulch for the garden, CC seconded and all were in favor.

SS made a motion to pay for the cost of advertising in the Eagle. JBP seconded. All were in favor.

Old Business:

The budget was approved.

CB will be taking the notary exam for a total of \$15. BO made a motion to reimburse for the cost of the exam and mileage. KG seconded. All were in favor.

New Business:

Mark Thaler, the architect, came to present the drawings for the library renovations.

- Phase 1 keeps everything in the current footprint of the building and addresses accessibility. These plans include removal of the bathroom on the first floor. but otherwise entranceway remains the same. There will be a lift to take patients to the basement. In the basement, there will be 2 small meeting rooms for about 3 people and a larger meeting/craft room. There will be 2 toilets (with consideration for just having 1 toilet if the library applies for a variance). There would be a larger meeting room in the current storage area. One mechanical room remains the same with a hallway access to stairs out. Another small mechanical room may have some storage capabilities. The kitchenette will also be relocated. On the upper floor, there are not many changes with the exception of the lift.
- Phase 2 would move the children's room downstairs, with some computers remaining in the entrance room. There would be an addition to the front of the building allowing enlargement of mechanical room and enlargement of meeting room. There would be a larger storage space available in the addition. The 2 small meeting rooms would be made a little larger. The kitchenette would also be relocated. Computers would be added to the addition as well. In the upper floor, the space could be maximized, lighting and flooring could be restored, with consideration of a fireplace where chimney is located. A front plaza could be constructed in front of the building over the new extension.
- Next steps include a cost analysis so that the library can apply for a grant. This is estimated to be between \$3000-4000. We could potentially look to funding through CFA (if applicable to libraries; possibly EPF grant for historic preservation), a TAG grant and/or library construction funding. JBP made a motion to fund the cost analysis. KG seconded. All were in favor.

Library Director Report:

On 4/25 "Thursday Night Live" with Whitman's Feed program on ferrets had 26 attendees. They will be bringing a new animal every month on the last Thursday of the month from 4-5:00.

Charlie Pacquin held a flint-knapping demonstration which was well attended.

The recent book sale with the Friends made over \$200.

Ken Gottry held a lecture which was well attended.

Raffle tickets are being sold for George VanHook's donated painting. The painting will be moved to other libraries in the next week to sell more tickets.

June 3 will be "Healthy Minds and Bodies" for the Alzheimer's Association at 11:00.

June 18 Mike Russert will be presenting "Winds of Change" a Civil war talk at 7 PM.

June 24 will be a Nutrition Program luncheon and bingo at noon.

The kindergartners will be visiting the library in June.

Policy Review:

No policies reviewed today because of the architect's visit.

The next meeting of the Library Board will be Tuesday July 2nd at 4:15.