

Final Minutes of the DeWitt Public Library

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

Members present: Wayne Summers, Gale Arent, Laura Webb, Harriett Smith, Diane Mosier, Brian Vick, and Paul Perpich Library Director: Rene Prado

Guests: Jim Wiljanen and Kathie Eiferle-Friends, Lisa Paskiewicz-Arialink

A. Call to Order: 7:03PM

B. Approval of Agenda: Moved by Mosier, second- Smith, unanimous.

C. Approval of minutes from the meetings of November 14 & 27, Move to approve with amendments by Mosier, second-Arent, unanimous.

D. Public Comment- none.

E. Reports

1. Communication- none.
2. Treasurers Report- move to place on file- Vick, second- Perpich
3. Directors Report- no written report due to Director's computer crash. Tessa Egger has quit, she will be replaced with a desk person. Catalogs and big backup disk are kept off site...
4. Friends of the Library- minutes submitted. the mystery dinner will be in February, to raise funds for Friends group. Friends recently had holiday program at the library, with Jeff Schatzer coming as Santa and reading three of his books.
5. Township contract area- nothing new
6. Facility Needs- none noted

F. Pending Business

1. Norm Farnum Land Agreement- Move by Mosier to approve the contract, with the request to Mr. Farnum to consider changes to: reference to rezoning to read local zoning approval, and on page 9, all references to the "William Drouin Library" to read the "William Drouin Building". Roll call vote, Summers-yes, Mosier-yes, Smith-yes, Arent-yes, Perpich-yes, Vick- yes, Webb-yes.
2. New Building Proposal- Rene will contact City assessor Gail Watkins to discuss the 4 driveway cuts, survey and parcel splits. Brian will send the rules for special land use requests to use the property for a library parcel for the planning commission
3. Policy training- Postponed, the Director will submit his proposal for staff training in January.

G. New Business

- 1. Audit Presentation- Lamont Latour presented the Library's audit of 7/31/06-6/30/07. Library processes all satisfactory. Expenses rose, due to contractual costs to prepare for building a new library. Move to accept audit report and submit to State of Michigan, Mosier, second- Perpich, passed
- 2. Statements to the press by Library staff and Board members- due to several articles where facts were reported incorrectly; the board president will prepare press releases after each meeting and fax to the Director the following morning for release to the press.
- 3. New Contract Signing- (Arialink internet)- Ms Paskiewicz made presentation to the board of what Arialink can offer in internet services. Rene will obtain one other proposal from another company providing similar internet service for our area. Move to postpone action on contract-Arent, second-Mosier, unanimous. The Library Board has expressed its desire, to the Director, that until we have policy on contract awarding, that we would like at least three

proposals for comparison.

4. Accounting Firm- Member Vick stated that after discussion, and in light of the upcoming contract expiration, that he would accept the move to the Matthew Accounting firm. Move to " contract with the Matthew Accounting firm for a period of one year"-Mosier, second-Perpich, unanimous

H. Public comment- Jim Wiljanen, former board member, spoke regarding his ability to act as public relations for the library

I. Board members comments- none

J. Adjournment- Moved to adjourn 10:05 -Perpich, unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Webb, Board secretary

Next Meeting- Wednesday December 18 at 7:00PM in the library