Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2019

Meeting time 4:30pm

Present at the meeting were Charlene Adams, Don Hopkins and Eva Jurney

Motion to approve the minutes for the April 11, 2019 meeting as corrected. There was no meeting in May 2019. (Eva made the motion, Charlene seconded). Motion approved (3 ayes, 1 absent, 0 opposed).

The Library Board reviewed the resignation from Diane Gerson and discussed a possible replacement candidate.

Rose reviewed the Library Happenings for the months of April and May and noted the Library received a $5,000 grant from the Ford Family Foundation for the Library Needs Assessment. The Library also received $250 from the Sweet Home Rotary Club to purchase give away books for Summer Reading. We also received a $500 discount from the OMSI Foundation for the OMSI Summer Reading Program.

The Library Board reviewed the statistics and fiscal expenditures for the months of April and May.

Discussed the Summer Reading Kickoff program in the parks with Jugglemania. The Board reviewed the list of Summer Reading programs. The Library Board supported the City Council’s approval to suspend fines and nonresident library card fees for the summer for children and teens.

Eva Jurney stated that the City of Springfield’s library and one of their goals to have no fines and that this is a directive from the American Libraries Association (ALA). The Board discussed the reasoning and stated that the fines are punitive and is a barrier for low income families. Eva asked for a copy of the article from ALA on libraries being fine free.

The Library Board discussed the meeting with FFA and the board felt the team was very professional and well experienced. Upcoming meetings for the Library Need Assessment will be a community forum and a meeting with the Library Board and the Friends of the Library. Eva stated that she was unaware that there were no smoke detectors in the library. She was commented that the library doesn’t have a maximum occupancy sign. The bathroom corridor and side entry were discussed and the comment from the architects that there should be one entrance and one exit. Rose stated she appreciated the support from city staff, Brandon Neish and Joe Graybill.

Rose presented the idea of email to text. This service would help the library communicate with our hard-of-hearing and deaf patrons. The board suggested we give this a 3 months trial period.

The discussion of the Strategic Plan for the Library was tabled.

The Library’s new staff member, Sarah Smith was introduced to the Library Board.

Rose stated that Danielle Herb, who was the student intern at the library, will be helping out with the Teen Summer Reading Program.

Charlene mentioned she will be gone July 11 through July 18. Don Hopkins will be gone the first two weeks of August.

Next Regular Library Board Meeting – July 11, 2019 at 4:30pm