



HERSHEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES

September 15, 2015

ATTENDANCE

Present: Barbara Ellis, Library Director; Julie Isaacson, President; Glennys Button, Marilyn Carter, Leigh -Anne Dornberger, Jennifer Grenoble, Marc Moyer, Matthew Weir

Endowment Trust Representative: Ted Farrar

Friends Representative: Susan Kreider

CALL TO ORDER

Julie Isaacson, President, called the meeting to order at 7 pm

APPROVAL July 2015 MINUTES

Motion: A motion was made by Jennifer Grenoble and seconded by Leigh Ann Dornberger, to approve the July 15, 2015 Minutes. Motion approved.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Review of 2016 proposed budget

Barbara shared the 2016 proposed budget and the rationale for the figures.

Consideration of Lescanec Legacy request for 2016

Barbara explained that her request for Lescanec Funds follows a conversation with the Endowment Trust Distribution Committee about the cost of the building renewal project in the quiet study areas.

Glennys Button, chairperson of the ET Distribution Committee, reported working with a designer on the proposed study areas in the library. The plan includes new carpeting to signify the special areas. A small room, closed off from the open study space may cost about \$70,000 w/chairs and tables, plus electrical outlets. Glennys shared a copy of the plan for the study area and reading area. A question was raised about the noise in the study areas. A suggestion was made about installing equipment to supply white noise. The noise situation will be considered as the plans progress.

The Lescanec Legacy money will be used to help fund this project. The balance of the legacy is \$210,000.

Julie made a recommendation to approve the Lescanec request for 2016 in the amount up to \$50,000. Seconded by Jennifer. The recommendation was approved.

Strategic Plan –Document for Publication

The Board reviewed the edited copy of The Strategic Plan for 2015-2017 as presented. There were no further changes.

A motion was made by Julie Isaacson, seconded by Jennifer Grenoble, to approve The Strategic Plan for 2015-2016 for publication. Motion passed.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friends of the Library - Sue Kreider

Sue reported the book sale brought in \$47,000.

Friends are planning for the lobby renovation and a designer is currently working with the Friends to design the area. The cost is expected to be \$27,809. The renovation will proceed after the new front doors are installed.

Endowment Trust

Ted Farrar reported that two checks have been written from the Endowment Trust as a result of the approved Distribution Committee work. One for \$26,900 for the RFID Project, expected to be up and running in March. The other check was for \$6000 for the 48 port managed switch, needed to improve Internet connectivity. The ET is considering funding projects that will amount to a total of about \$100,000.

COMMUNICATIONS

Barbara reported that she has received the annual Hershey Rotary Club letter announcing the grant application process. Barbara will be making application for items needed to improve library programming. She also let the board know that a suggestion has been made by a citizen for a walking path connecting the South parking lot to the pathway near the Antique Barn. Barbara will investigate the possibility.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Glennys Button, seconded by Marilyn Carter. The meeting adjourned at 8:20.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Library Board of Directors will be October 20 at the Hershey Public Library.

Submitted by:
Joy Burrell, Recorder