

Library Committee

Minutes

February 19, 2008

Present: Grant, Hobart, James, Manning, Mossel, Randle, Rose, Rothstein, Ryan, Rorabaugh, Sobers, Gifford, and Fields

Absent: None

Chair Luanne Rothstein called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. She welcomed and thanked all members of the audience and thanked everyone for coming to this special meeting.

Susan Grant moved supported by Carleen Rose to approve the meetings of January 30, 2008. Motion carried.

Luanne Rothstein gave a brief overview of previous meetings to the audience. Gaylynn thanked everyone for coming and gave a brief over view of the history of the Big Rapids Library.

The meeting was turned over to Marlies Manning who put everyone into four focus groups. She asked that each group write down items on the Wish List and the Challenges List. At least one committee member joined each group and recorded the ideas. Everyone then had an opportunity to mark his or her top two choices of each category. After approximately twenty minutes the groups disbursed and the meeting was again turned over to Marlies Manning. The top two items in each category of each group was written down.

Luanne asked the audience if there were any other comments. Marge (City) thought that special rooms could be named in honor of someone to raise money. Emily (BR Township) would like to see the use of Ferris students for an Art room so that art could be displayed. Mary (BR Township) wanted to know if the Library Committee had different representation. The answer was yes. Mary (City) wanted to know why people wanted the Library at the same location. Why can't the City move forward and find a safer place. Carol (City) responded it was just not the building but where it is located. Mr. Wortley (City) made the comment that

some residents do not like to see old buildings torn down. Bill (BR Township made the comment that many results are not in – everyone needs to keep an open mind. If renovation is what will be done then the current building will have to be made safe. Ruth (Colfax) is concerned about cost vs. different location of Library. Laura (City) asked all of the committee members if they used the Library. All committee members explained why he or she wanted to be on the committee and if they used the Library or not.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.