

Library Committee

Minutes

April 9, 2008

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

Absent: Rose

Chair Luanne Rothstein called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 a.m. at City Hall. Susan Grant moved supported by Marlies Manning to approve the minutes of March 18, 2008.

Chair Luanne Rothstein asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience. There were none.

Chair Luanne Rothstein asked each sub-committee for a progress report.

Visiting Committee – A visit has been scheduled to visit the Mount Pleasant Library on April 14th and the Greenville Library on April 21st. Anyone is welcome to join the sub-committee members.

Finance Committee – Gaylynn went over some financial reports and Steve Sobers explained that the City Commission could grant the Library one mill per year, this is based on State Code. What the City Commission does is transfer enough money from the General Fund to the Library Fund to keep the Library operating in the black. One mill equals about \$186,000. There is currently budgeted a transfer of \$240,000 to the Library.

Townships are expected to transfer to the Library penal fines or 3/10 of a mill whichever is greater.

Architectural Committee – City staff is in the process of sending out RFPs (Request for Proposals) to hire a consultant for a needs assessment. These should be back by the first part of May.

It was also noted that since the City is a member of the Chamber, their

“Survey Monkey” can be utilized. This sends questions out into the Chamber Membership Community.

Media Committee – Susan Grant appeared on WDEE and someone will continue to give monthly updates. Y102 has also been contacted.

Gaylynn reported that a big easel has been set up in the Library. Comments can be posted and sign up sheets are available.

Comments from the audience: Mary likes the idea of the “Survey Monkey”. Ed Burch would like to see a survey done in the school systems by the teachers. Virginia Kienitz would like to see senior citizens included in the survey. It was noted that Brian Pahcolka was doing a video of the Library which will be linked to the City’s website.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 a.m. and the next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on April 22nd at City Hall.