

Library Committee

Minutes

April 22, 2008

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

Absent: None

Chair Luanne Rothstein called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. at City Hall. Dale Hobart moved supported by Susan Grant to approve the minutes of April 9, 2008 with the following corrections: spelling correction of Pacholka and – funds come from county treasurer (penal fines) to the Library on behalf of townships and City. If penal fines do not equal 3/10 of a mill, the townships are under contract to make up the difference. The City has never requested the townships to make up the difference.

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.

Finance Committee – Gaylynn went over some financial reports, which included a listing of possible grants. Carlleen has a list of township residents to assist the finance committee when the need arises.

Hiring Committee - Consultant RFPs are due back May 1st. Reports will follow.

Media Committee – Luanne has offered to do radio slots. Boards will be updated at City Hall and the Library. It was suggested that maybe a Roving Board should be made for the townships, etc. Dale suggested putting information in the Kiosk downtown.

Visiting Committee – The committee visited Mt. Pleasant Library and the Greenville Library. A power point presentation was given on both libraries. Much of the information has been put on the City's website. The committee

plans on visiting Alma, Clare, Fremont, Cadillac, and Portland but no dates have been set at this time. Times and dates will be posted on City's website.

Librarians Report – Gaylynn is working on the “Survey Monkey” to fit our design. It was also decided that camera were too expensive to place in the basement of the library. For the time being the bathrooms are kept locked and if someone needs to use a restroom, a staff member will have to open the restroom. Some mirrors have been put up for safety reasons. Six of the summer reading programs will be held at City Hall due to space limitations.

Handouts were received from Michele Christner and Karen Joseph.

Carlleen reported that Mark Sochocki had said that the current library could be made into 10-12 apartments.

Comments from the audience: Delores had a question on the delinquent penal fines. Judge Susan Grant explained how the system worked and commented that the county does have some new software, which should aid in the collection process. Mary asked about circulating the information board in township halls and also wondered if the power point presentations should be made to the townships.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m. and the next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 20th.