

Library Committee

Minutes

May 20, 2008

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

Absent: Grant, Rose, Ryan, and Fields

Chair Luanne Rothstein called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Dale Hobart moved supported by Jeff Mossel to approve the minutes of April 22, 2008. Minutes were accepted as presented.

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 – None

Hiring Committee – Three firms submitted proposals for a Needs Assessment. On May 29th two firms will make a presentation to the Library Committee. The third firm did not meet specs. Gaylynn will put together a list of questions for the committee to consider.

Media Committee – None

Visiting Committee – The committee visited the Alma Public Library and the Cadillac Wexford County Library. A power point presentation was given on both libraries.

Librarians Report – Gaylynn reported on the request to provide professional structural engineering and cost estimate. This would be done in order to bring the library up to code on all floors, etc. Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber gave a quote of \$2,000. Manning moved supported by Hobart to accept Fishbecks' proposal. Motion carried.

Questions from the audience – Will interviews be public/response was yes. Why are we doing a structural evaluation at this point instead of later/Gaylynn explained if we don't have adequate funding to move forward, we need to know what we have with the existing library building. What is the committee going for – come in and get books and leave or come in and stay awhile/committee explained it will depend on assessment study. All visited libraries had fireplaces and children's area, and lots of people.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m. and the next meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday May 29th at City Hall. The meeting after that will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday June 4th at City Hall.