

Tri-Township Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Regular Minutes
March 3, 2020

The meeting was brought to order by President Ashcraft at 7: 01 p.m.

Roll Call: Elson, Erschen, Juehne, Lindsay, Ashcraft.

Absent: Espindola and Scheller.

Present from the Public were David Cassens, Director, and Josh Haskel from Busey Bank.

Input of Agenda Items: Board – None.

Public – None

Approval of Minutes: Tabled.

Treasurer's Report: All good. We are solvent. Money came in last month. Businesses and not homeowners have tried to renegotiate their taxes. The Per Capita Grant is still coming. We are awaiting a letter.

Scheller arrived at 7 : 10 p.m.

Director's Report: The 3D printer is here and has been installed and is working. Training to come for usage. We will be charging by the weight of the object being printed. The staff will decline making plastic weapons.

The Beanstalk app is live and notifications are customized to patron's preference.

We reprocessed on Hotspots and are limiting it to one per person.

Tim Greenfield came and spoke about the new memorial in the park. This will be one of the charities benefitting from the reading program.

In partnership with SWIC we have reinstated GED courses and have already had a good attendance.

Someone ran over our handicap sign. Director has contacted someone to replace it and repaint and reseal the parking lot. A quote for the work is forthcoming. Director is going on vacation May 4 thru May 7th and will send a substitute to the Board meeting.

Director has permanently banned a patron from the Library due to theft.

Statistics are attached.

Maintenance: A light has been installed in the elevator. It is separate from the elevator power.

Communications: Josh Haskel from Busey Bank and CNB Bank and Trust Investments gave a performance report on our investments. Coronavirus fear is hitting the markets. Our Bonds are performing well-they are up 3% year to date. There is a very low rate environment and there isn't a rosy outlook. The fixed income piece of the market is being effected. The Fed cut interest rate today. The market is saying we'll get three more cuts by the end of the year. We are limited in our investment options.

CNB and Busey – About two weeks ago, a number of people including Josh left Busey and went to CNB. Josh has requested to speak to the Board.

Old Business: Green Space- Scheller is waiting on an estimate from Lawn Order.

Celebration Committee – no meeting.

Volunteer Banquet – ordered supplies for decorations, confirmed with Chuck

Wagon.

We need a paper invoice.

Visitors- Brian Gorman and Josh Schette from CNB Bank and Trust spoke to the Board. There bank has been here over one hundred fifty years and is based in Alton. They established a relationship with the Board. They understand the convenience of Busby's location. They are proposing a similar set up as established with him last fall. Review the packet – fee schedule and annual discounted fee of 0.35of one percent.

Pursue and service account balances of two hundred fifty thousand and higher

Can attend all meetings

Manage account within expectations and State demands

Pointed out bios included in packet

Agent fee is lower than Busey

The Board will discuss the proposal and notify them of the decision. We will need a schedule from Busy to compare.

Fine Free Library- Director read article regarding a library in Chicago. They saw an increase in returned materials – Approximately Five thousand dollars per year –good community relations- other revenue would be generated from activities in the library-food for fines still an option, we could do it all year. Director recommends a fine free policy- lost and repair fees not included in policy- have a low income out of district program installed her via Friends of the Library.

A motion was made by Elson and seconded by Erschen to approve a Fine Free Library.

Ayes: Elson, Erschen Juehne, Lindsay and Ashcraft.

Absent: Espindola and Scheller.

New Business: Lazerware New Computer quote; the cost for one computer-Kingston lock, new monitor, mouse and keyboard is eight hundred seventy eight dollars and nineteen cents. They reduced the price due to our service contract. It would cost One thousand seven hundred fifty six dollars and thirty eight cents for two computers, and work horse computes.

A motion was made by Elson and seconded by Juehne to buy two computers for on thousand seven hundred fifty six dollars and thirty eight cents from Lazerware.

Ayes: Elson, Erschen Juehne, Lindsay and Ashcraft.

Absent: Espindola and Scheller.

Board Member Bios: Ashcraft is the only missing Bio

Closed Session: None.

Announcements and Adjournment: Ashcraft is three weeks ahead in his recovery and is using only one cane.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.