

## Chariton Free Public Library Board Meeting

May 6, 2021

The Chariton Free Public Library held its April board meeting on May 6, 2021 at the Chariton Free Public Library. Member's present were Lois Dixon, Marcia Fenton, Tim McGee, Jim Mefferd, Linda Miller, Bevin Pillsbury- Allen, and Justin Sharp. Kris Murphy, Library Director and Laura Liegois, City Manager were present.

Chair of the Board, Tim McGee called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. McGee asked to make amend the agenda to add swearing in of Linda Miller to the board. A motion was made by Mefferd to approve the agenda with the amendment. The motion was seconded by Dixon and pass unanimously.

### **Renovation Update:**

There was an update on the Library's renovation project with Edd Soenke and the rest of his team. The roof project is finishing up and the next steps were discussed about the lighting in the library. Sharp asked about rebates and this is being investigated. Murphy said that the biggest concern right now is the basement, drainage, and HVAC. The lighting can be moved in the priority of the project.

There was no public comment. A motion was made by Fenton to approve the April meeting minutes and was seconded by Pillsbury - Allen. The motion passed unanimously.

There were several items of correspondence listed on the agenda. Memorials for Lois Davis from Mary Stierwalt of \$23.51, and memorials for Merrjo Ellis and Steve Morris form the CHS Class of 1970 of \$30.00. Donations were given by Carol Marner, which were sold at half price books and the \$57.56 was used for the Bill Marner Memorials.

The April 2021 Financial Statement and March 2021 Treasurer's Report was presented to the board for review. Dixon made the motion to accept the Statement and Report as submitted. McGee seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

May claims were presented to the board for review. Mefferd made a motion to approve the May claims as submitted. Pillsbury – Allen seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Grants:**

Murphy updated about not receiving the Iowa Rural Heritage Grant. She will be submitting a grant to the South-Central Iowa Community Foundation, Vredenburg Foundation, Coons Foundation, Johnson Foundation, and Chariton Public Library Foundation for funds for the renovations.

### **Old Business:**

McGee will be in contact with the following people to be part of the fundraising committee for the Library: Ray Meyer, Sue Terrell, and Patty Bisgard. Anyone else who has someone else to participate should let McGee know. He plans to invite people to the June meeting.

### **Investment Transfers:**

Discussion was had regarding the resolution for transferring funds for the building renovations. Mefferd requested the resolution remove the Louise E. Ambelang Memorial fund from the list of

possible transfers. McGee recommended that the entire amount of \$220,484.13 be removed from the Harold A. Swanson Memorial Fund to cover the roof and the upcoming improvements. Mefferd made a motion to approve the resolution to move funding from memorials to pay for improvements but remove Ambelang Memorial Fund from the resolution. A roll call vote was called for with the following: Dixon – yes, Fenton – yes, McGee- yes, Mefferd – yes, Miller – yes, Pillsbury- Allen – yes, and Sharp – yes.

A motion was made to approve the resolution to transfer funds from the Chariton Public Library investments to Chariton Public Library general fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 for purchase of collection items was made by Mefferd and seconded by Dixon. A roll call vote was called for with the following: Dixon – yes, Fenton – yes, McGee- yes, Mefferd – yes, Miller – yes, Pillsbury- Allen – yes, and Sharp – yes.

**New Business:**

The building work was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.


The book sale was discussed at the meeting on continuing and is it worth the time of our staff It was suggested that donation locations for other organizations be sought for donations to go to. After the renovations are done, the discussion of the book sale can be revisited.

The discussion of facemask and the Library’s policy was discussed. Liegois stated the direction the City was going with the wording recommended. All members gave their viewpoints on the mask mandate. The policy is still in place and a discussion will be brought back up at the May meeting. It was recommended to change the signage on the door regarding mandate.

Murphy gave her director’s report, which was attached with the agenda.

A motion was made by Pillsbury-Allen and second by Sharp to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The Chariton Free Public Library Board Meeting ended at 6:45 pm.

Truly Submitted by:



Laura Liegois

City Manager