

Allegany County Library Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

January 14, 2020

Washington Street Library– 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Bill Devlin, Deb Hendrickson, John Persons, Terry Michels, and John Taube.

The meeting was called to order by Bill Devlin.

A motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on November 19, 2019 was made by Terry Michels seconded by Deb Hendrickson and was approved.

A motion to accept both the statistical report and the financial reports of November 2019 was made by Terry Michels seconded by John Persons and was accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of the FY2019 Annual Financial Audit

Tim Michaels and Angel Rasel of Huber Michaels, CPA inc. presented their work on the FY2019 Annual Financial Audit. They indicated that it is a “clean” audit.

Discussion of the Library Naming Policies

Given the recent demise of the Speaker of the House Michael Busch, the Anne Arundel County Delegation approached the Anne Arundel Library Board of Trustees to propose they name the soon to reopen Annapolis Library in his honor. In an attempt to increase the appeal of their offer, the delegation offered to sponsor legislation to make ALL Maryland Public Libraries Fine Free. The bill would increase the state funding to each library system in exchange for going fine free.

In the Maryland Public Library community there was much discussion and differing points of view with this proposal. The Board asked John Taube to begin to review and draft a Naming Policy for them to consider.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

LaVale Library - Renovation and Expansion Update

Allegany County has signed the contract for architectural services with Murphy & Dittenhafer in the amount of roughly \$356,000. This contract does not include the furniture selection services. We resume meetings as soon as possible and Murphy & Dittenhafer indicate that we are still on schedule.

LaVale Library - Selecting a Temporary Location

John Taube discussed the budget for the temporary location. Using the Knipple Gift Account, we have just over \$90,000 at the Boards disposal. John estimated that moving will cost \$25,000 each way (out and in), he also suggested that the Board limit their contribution to the lease cost to no more than \$20,000. The Board asked John to arrange a meeting with County Administrator Brandon Butler to request that they contribute to the cost of a temporary location. Board Members Tom Finan, John Persons and Library Director, John Taubw will meet with Mr. Butler on Friday 2/7/2020.

Review Progress of Strategic Plan Implementation Workgroup

The Planning Workgroup has been meeting weekly since December 10, 2019. We have covered the meaning of Community Hubs, discussed proposed organizational schemes, and most recently presented various iterations of what hours will address the survey results findings. The Planning Workgroup will continue its work and present a proposed FY2021 budget to the Planning Workgroup Plus on January 28, 2020 for review. The next step is to forward the proposed budget to the Board for consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPDATES

Calendar Upgrades- Ashley is working on rolling out updated program types that allow staff and patrons to find the programs they are interested in.

New Trustees Guide for Maryland Libraries

We will share a table at PACE with Ruth Enlow Library System of Garrett County and WMRL.

MCPL and BCPL are withdrawing from the Maryland eBook Consortium. There may be changes to wait times and annual purchases.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 4PM at the Washington Street Library.