

Dewitt Community Library Draft Minutes January 21, 2016

Present: Jill Enright, Lydia Waslyenko, Doug Arena, Rosalie Young, Nina Brown, Mary Keib Smith, Steven Lux, Christene Gantos, Nana Ross, Carl Austin

Excused: Irene Scruton, Meisje Havens, Julian Modesti (newly resigned)

Absent: Shelly Field

Also Present: Wendy Scott, Director, Robert Tartakoff

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Steve

Directors Report: Wendy – See written distributed report. Didn't distribute financials as auditor is still completing the year-end numbers. Will distribute after.

Current yearly lease runs through July 2015. Wendy will meet with our lawyer Robert Germaine about approaching the mall to extend it.

Several donations have been made to the building fund. We have received \$1535 so far from Howard and Virginia Fink library fund. We have also received \$1000 from the Holman (name?) family foundation and \$1000 from the Heuber Breuer Foundation.

Many patrons have been interested in the Discovery to Go collection and there have been more than 200 circulations in the past month. Programs are planned in the library highlighting the different components of that collection's materials. DCL will be highlighting the collection at the 31st Annual Martin Luther King, Jr, Community Celebration on Sat Jan. 30th from 12 – 4 at Nottingham High School. Event is open to the public and all are invited to attend.

Using funds from the Friends, DCL's Scott Mosier is building digital production kits to circulate.

Approval of Minutes: Rosalie motioned to approve the minutes from the December 2015 meeting. Lydia seconds. All in favor except one abstention for absence. Majority approved.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee- Lydia. We have 5 vacancies and 5 candidates. Bios were distributed. It was proposed that we consider amending the limit of 2, 3-year terms, so people who want to can stay on. Group discussion. Nana motions that we fill to the board designated number of 15. Jill seconds. Unanimously approved.

Facilities – Steve and Mary: Tobin staff has been approached to see if they would be agreeable to amend the purchase agreement for DCL to purchase the land “site ready”, eliminating some of the risk. It is proposed to split the cost of land remediation up to a certain amount that DCL is willing to set as cap. Two Tobin reps seemed agreeable. There is a meeting with Jack Tobin this Tuesday to discuss the details. DCL would pay Tobin to ready the site as needed for the building plans and he would assume some financial liability if remediation to soil or land is needed. DCL would purchase the land after this is done. DCL attorney Robert Germaine is also Tobin’s lawyer and represents him in this deal. We will hire our own attorney for this matter.

Treasurer’s Report: Carl- See written distributed report. Year-end audit is in process. Community Bank has been selected to fund the building project. Plan is to use our funds first before using loaned funds.

Design Committee – Mary: King and King is going to the Town in mid-February to review the value engineering proposed changes (e.g. leveling of the roof, 40 feet closer to street). Also giving the Town some outside building material choices. It could be 2 more months before final Town approval of the site plan.

King and King is looking for permission from us to resume redesigning the building. They need to finish their drawings to 100% for the bidding process and this could take them up to 3 months. We would like to have the outcome of Tuesday meeting with Tobin before giving this permission. Plan to vote at the next meeting about approving King and King to resume.

Announcements: Kevin Murphy litigation. Mary has been speaking to our litigation representative, Ellen Bach. There have been discussions about settling and Kevin was willing to negotiate a settlement at first. He later recanted and did not want to participate in settlement negotiations. We will be going to court and NYLA is representing. There is no cost to us at this time.

Julian had agreed to continue on to work on a project grant from Senator DeFrancisco that would cover some of the costs of the outside building features and it was submitted to Senator DeFrancisco.

Period for Public Expression: None

Adjournment: Lydia motions to adjourn at 6:59. Doug seconded.

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the February 2016 Board Meeting.