

Greenwood Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 9, 2019

Attendees: Lori Feller, Carmen Madsen, Shan Rutherford, Karen Grizzle, Josh Jackson, Lew Gregory, Tamara Russell, Cheryl Dobbs, Kevin Hoover, Jane Weisenbach, Lynn Johnson

Call to Order: Lori Feller called the April 2019 meeting of the Greenwood Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m. Kevin Hoover led the Pledge of Allegiance and Shan Rutherford conducted the invocation.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Josh Jackson moved to approve the minutes, Shan Rutherford seconded, and the minutes of the March 12, 2019 meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business:

Board Correspondence: Board members received a letter dated March 18, 2019, from Jeannine Myers, Clerk of the City of Greenwood, regarding the approval of a ten year tax abatement for Becknell Industries for an industrial building on N. Graham Road.

Attorney's Update: There was no attorney's update.

Finance Committee Report: Tamara Russell reported that the Finance Committee met on April 4. All fund accounts were in balance. Spending is currently 3.25% (\$15K) under budget. Continuing at this rate could result in an extra \$60K by year end that could be used to offset other expenses. Mike Reuter, financial adviser to the board, will attend the May board meeting.

New Business: None.

Accounts Receivable Payable and Treasurer's Report: Carmen Madsen noted that all liabilities have been recognized, checks have been written, and payments will be made on time. Carmen Madsen moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Lew Gregory seconded, and the report was approved by signature.

March Reports:

Director's Report: Cheryl Dobbs reported a considerable savings on an unexpected expense. By questioning a high repair bid on the chiller, and requesting a quote from another provider, the expense was \$10K instead of \$40K.

The Studio has officially opened and is already a "smashing success."

Cheryl and Jane Weisenbach attended a Chamber Legislative Luncheon and invited both Senator Greg Walker and Representative Woody Burton to tour the library. Both accepted and were quite impressed with The Studio and other exciting things happening at the library.

Cheryl and Emily Ellis attended the Indiana Library Federation Day at the Statehouse and spoke with representatives about HB#1343. Cheryl believes the amendments currently in discussion seem reasonable. Reserves over 150% would require a defined capital plan. Maximum cut could only be 10% of previous year's budget. GPL is in good shape -reserves currently at 90% and a defined capital plan established.

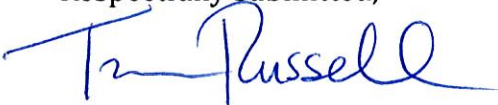
Development Report: Jane Weisenbach provided updates on Summer Reading -fully funded with a little extra; PNC grant -\$3K received for sensory stations for Storytime; Purse Bingo and Easter Egg Hunt events -planned and ready.

Department Reports: Department managers provided reports of their March 2019 activities.

Other Business: Cheryl Dobbs mentioned that the Indiana Library Federation was offering a web based training session for library board members on "Property Taxes and Libraries" led by tax experts from Purdue University. Date and time are Wednesday, May 1 at 10am. All board members are invited to attend. Sign up is on line.

Adjournment: Lori Feller adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tamara Russell
Secretary