

WHITE CLOUD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

MINUTES

November 17, 2021

Present: Judy Maike, Chair, Everett Twp; Pat Ebenstein , Vice Chair, City of White Cloud; Pam Chaffee, Everett Twp; Marsha Lanninga, White Cloud Public Schools; Linda Trapp, Wilcox Twp;, Sue Redding, Merrill Twp; Christine Tiernan, City of White Cloud.

Absent: Stephen Jones, Merrill Twp

Also Present: Amy Stockwell, Director & Ron Phillips, Upcoming Assistant Director

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda: Agenda was reviewed by the Board. There being no additions or corrections, motion to approve made by Pat Ebenstein, supported by Sue Redding. Ayes all, motion carried.

Minutes: October 20, 2021 meeting – Motion to approve without additions or corrections made by Pam Chaffee, supported by Marsha Lanninga Ayes all, motion carried.

Public Comment: No public was present at this time.

Financial Reports: Board was informed by the Director that there are grant funds available, one in particular from the National Endowment of then Arts for up to 50,000.00 another for up to 350,000.00 for the protection of cultural items. Discussion occurred as to whether or not our building expansion which includes the historical section would qualify for the latter grant. No questions or concerns were noted on either the October report on Bills Paid and Deposits or the October Bookkeeper's Report. Motion to receive reports made by Pat Ebenstein, supported by Marsha Lanninga. Ayes all, motion carried.

Librarian's Report: October stats for this time period in 2020 were compared with this same time period for 2021. Overall the numbers for this year are higher

than this time period last year. The adult Color Me Calm program will be done as a take and make because of the upcoming floor installation. Library closed for Thanksgiving November 25-29. Ron discussed a possible upcoming grant for up to \$10,000.00 is available to small rural libraries for digitalization. More information will be forthcoming.

New Business:

#1 – 2022 Closing Dates for closure will be the same as those this year. Motion to approve 2022 closing dates made by Chris Tiernan, supported by Linda Trapp. Ayes all, motion carried.

#2 – Par-Plan Grant Resolution: Resolution 21-01 authorizing the submittal of a Par Plan grant was reviewed. The grant is for risk reduction through upgrades of our video surveillance system. The grant is for up to \$2500.00. Proposed areas to be covered are the general library, the historical section, the meeting room and parking lot. Motion made to approve resolution 21-01 made by Pam Chaffee, supported by Sue Redding. Roll call – Maiké – yes, Ebenstein – yes; Trapp – yes; Lanninga – yes; Redding – yes; Tiernan – yes. Ayes all, motion carried. Total bid was \$3875.00

Old Business: Floor-Closing Update. Director Stockwell reported that prisoners from the County Jail will be available for heavy lifting during floor installation. Library will be closed for the month of December for the installation of new floor covering. Director requested consideration for compensatory time for those staff who would be assisting in the flooring outside of their regular schedules.

Other: Chair will check on status of Board member who has been absent for a number of meetings.

River Country Chamber has a reduced rate for non profit and we will look into that for 2022.

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Tiernan, Recording Secretary