

Oscoda County Library Board

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OFFICIAL MINUTES
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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OSCODA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012 AT 4:45 P.M. AT THE OSCODA COUNTY LIBRARY.

Call to Order: 4:45 p.m.

Members Present: Olsen, Crane, Stenzel, and Shumaker

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Amy Knepp, Tom Trimmer, Jim Anderson, and Bob Matteson

Appointments

Jim Anderson – Oscoda County Auditor

Jim Anderson discussed the financial situation of the Library and the upcoming ballot proposal. He suggested we consult our attorney to see if we can go for a perpetual millage. Other points to consider:

- Why we need millage and what are we going to do with the money generated – Justification to public.
- What enhancements are we seeking.
- What is the timeline and budget? Provide information year-by-year. As for the budget, list every line item for the use of the millage money then move into broad categories to show the public where money will be spent. Provide a budget for 5 to 10 years.
- Taxpayers want to see that they will get something for their money.
- Explain the timing of the need.
- Wording is important.
- Consider using the money for general operations and state such in the ballot language.
- Consider having a Friends group promote the library. It can raise money but should have its own account.
- The Library should not solicit money and run it through the library budget.
- Show community involvement in the library – information and dissemination.

Director Knepp asked what the board can spend library funds on for the election. Mr. Anderson stated non-influential/non-committal information literature explaining library services. Election costs can be paid out of the library budget.

When asked about the reduction of penal fines, Mr. Anderson said the courts are “reategorizing” penal fines.

Bob Matteson – Economic Development Alliance (EDA)

The EDA, in conjunction with the Oscoda County Chamber of Commerce, is forming a Center for Entrepreneurial Knowledge and Excellence (MI Business

One & Small Business Administration). The EDA would like to place signs and literature next to a computer to assist persons interested in small business start-up.

Stenzel/Crane Motion to allow EDA to provide information to promote the Center for Entrepreneurial Knowledge and Excellence within the Library.
4 Ayes : 0 Nays. **Motion carried.**

Minutes

The minutes from the regular meeting on January 11, 2012 and special meeting on January 28, 2012 stand approved as presented.

Budget Report

Stenzel/Crane Approve payment of bills in the amount of \$2,405.17.
4 Ayes : 0 Nays. **Motion carried.**

Transmittals

The board reviewed transmittals. All are up-to-date.

Old Business

Hiring of Kimberly Landenberg

Stenzel/Shumaker Motion to hire Kimberly Landenberg as the new Oscoda County Library Assistant Director. As with all new hires, she will be on probation.
4 Ayes : 0 Nays. **Motion carried.**

Library Board Vacancy

Director Knepp suggested the board look to fill the vacancy by selecting a trustee from a township other than Mentor or Comins townships for broader representation. Several names were brought to the table.

The board will call a special meeting on February 22, 2012 at 5 p.m. for the purpose of conducting trustee interviews.

Millage Campaign

The board needs to compile a list of organizations to speak to so as to get the word out about the Library millage.

New Business

Promotional Information for Millage Campaign

Director Knepp will have Wyatt, the Library's after-school intern, prepare an informational brochure on the Library for the millage campaign. There is also a need for a PowerPoint presentation to be designed so that whoever is speaking to a group has a set of talking points to cover including plans for the millage (5-10 years out).

Director's Comments

Director Knepp is looking into a grant from First Federal Bank she found out about from Roger Mendel's Co-Op newsletter. First Federal gives grants in communities they are located in.

Director Knepp presented information on Solutions of Self-Help (SOS) Task Force. This is to “help non-lawyers represent themselves as effectively as possible” (SOS website). The organization is looking for 3 rural sites to host a kiosk with law help for this project. The application deadline is March 7, 2012. Judge Kathryn Root has offered assistance if we wish to apply.

Correspondence

None

Board Member Comments

None

Public Comment

None

Commissioner Liaison Comment

Commissioner Trimmer recommended that Director Knepp attend the EDA breakfasts to promote the millage where she would meet people from many agencies/businesses in the area.

Seeing no further business, Chairman Olsen adjourned the meeting. A special meeting will be held on February 22, 2012 at 5 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held March 14, 2012 at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Shumaker - Secretary