

Hillsdale Community Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2015

Meeting called to order by President Mark Maier

Roll Call: Director LeAnn Beckwith, Mark Maier, Jean Nolan, Rickie Freeman, Darryl Hart and
Melissa Holm

Guests: none

Approval of the agenda: Accepted as presented

Approval of the Board Minutes of the October 15, 2015 meeting: Accepted

Reports:

Circulation: 3,893 for October; Overdrive: 354 (It was 262 for October 2014)

Internet: Computer Usage: 206 patrons, 1015 logins, 571 hours
Wireless Usage: 317 patrons

Web Page: 2,279 views (96 views were for Mitchell)

Ancestry: 814 searches

Door Count: 4,550 people entered the library in October

Programs: 192 people at 18 events for kids- 61 people at 5 Story Times; 15 teens at 2
Making Stuff Programs; 26 people at 1 Lego Club; 0 kids at 1 Book tasting; 61 kids at 4
Library Visits; 29 kids at 5 Teen Read Week Read Alouds

38 people at 5 adult events: 2 people at Café Color; 36 people at 4 yoga classes

Online book club: 19 members reading Night Circus

Passive Programs: I Spy- children's room 25 participants; Coloring- children's room
Patron Puzzle Challenge- Main library, 2 puzzles completed for adults and 2 puzzles
completed for children

Financial: LeAnn presented the paperwork with no additional comments. The library had
mistakenly received a check meant for the Mitchell center. It was a bequest from a will
that was not given the correct name. The money finally got to the correct organization.
LeAnn said the meeting rooms are in use every Wednesday and some Monday and Friday
nights. Renters have dropped off, giving us a small loss of revenue.

Communications: MRC minutes were received.

Director's Report: LeAnn had a talk with Bonnie and the city manager. There is \$116,384.00 in the fund balance. Braman looked at the roof and said a new one would cost \$78,000. Just the shingled part would cost over \$40,000. He said it could probably wait for about 5 years. To strip and re-seam would cost \$37,845 and would be under warranty for 5 years. Just a problem seam would be a little over \$2000. We would need two other quotes before proceeding. Braman has been good about working with LeAnn and using an out of state company previously has not proven advantageous. Bonnie knows that the roof needs repair and that we want to repaint some drywall. A Few Good Men did not paint due to the roof issue and the fact that we could not match the existing paint. They did paint the outside doors.

The sign people contacted Gemini who thought maybe they could give us the letters for free since they have faded. Another letter (Y) has also been taken. Nothing has been resolved yet. The children's room needs an area for babies and toddlers. A grant asking for \$2000-\$3000 has been applied for at the Community Foundation. Kelly LoPresto is looking into the possibility of a grant for surveillance cameras. Since the downtown is pursuing purchases we may go in with them. It will be difficult to get electricity through the walls to mount cameras outside. The question was asked if insurance would cover anything on the roof. It probably would not since there was no contributing incident.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: There was none.

Visitors' Comments: None

Board Comments: Welcome, Melissa, to the board! (Her e-mail is holmelissa@gmail.com)

Adjournment: 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Rickie Freeman