

Library Board Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Braun, Evonne Horn, Tim Jones, Holly Muller, Brianna Skalicky, Mitzi Storm, Pam Tesch, Jo-Ann Wegman, Sue Vermilya and Librarian Sharon Grossardt

MEMBERS ABSENT

City Administrator Nick Koverman

President Tim Jones called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. He began by thanking Jo-Ann for her service as board president. Tim also thanked the City of Saint Charles and Nick for the delicious Boards dinner.

BOARD MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting on a motion by Jo-Ann Wegman, seconded by Sue Vermilya. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM SELCO / SELCO LIBRARY FOUNDATION / FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Jo-Ann Wegman attended the quarterly SELCO Board meeting in January. She reports that finance was the big topic of the meeting. The first concern discussed included the formula used to calculate technology expenses for member libraries. Costs have risen considerably over the last few years. The SELCO Board also considered reducing the amount of SELCO funds in reserves.

SELCO is renegotiating contracts with the counties in its service area; Winona County's dates from 1990. Funding from Winona County was discussed at length. Winona County provides the lowest money per capita of the 11 counties in the SELCO region for library support. If we want an increase in funding, ultimately we must go back to the County Commissioners and plead our case. The directors of the libraries within, or partially within, Winona County (St. Charles, Winona and LaCrescent) have been meeting with SELCO staff and County representatives to hammer out a new contract. The libraries want funding formula language that will more accurately reflect costs of service, perhaps with an escalator until the appropriate level is reached. The County Administrator indicated that a funding increase would have to be discussed by the full County Board, but he did not think the County's current financial situation lent itself to increasing the County's contribution at all.

SELCO Library Foundation will meet at the end of this month. Friends have not met.

FINANCIAL & CIRCULATION REPORTS

The Financial, Petty Cash, and Circulation reports for December were approved on a motion by Sue Vermilya, seconded by Evonne Horn. Motion declared carried.

FAMILY FUN EVENT

Sharon Grossardt and Board member Holly Muller will attend the St. Charles Early Childhood Initiative's Family Fun Event on Sunday, February 14th at 3:00 pm. They will host a table with handouts and an opportunity for children to bring a ticket back to the library for a treat. Sharon will read books. One of the handouts will be "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" which encourages parents to read to their children and keep track of how many books they read! A motion was made to contribute \$25.00 to the ECI event, even though as a non-profit the library is exempt from payment for our table. Evonne Horn moved, and Holly Muller seconded. Motion carried.

2016 FUNDRAISER

Sharon Grossardt contacted Chad Lewis about Minnesota programs he presents. His presentation has been booked for the annual fundraiser on April 9, 2016. There was a lengthy discussion about moving one of the bookshelves so as to give more room for chairs and to make viewing of the speaker more amenable. We all agreed that it is beneficial to keep our fundraiser at the library, and not go elsewhere for more space. We agreed to move one of the bookshelves this year, and if it works out well, see about getting movable bookshelves to make the task easier in the future. Mitzi, Jo-Ann, Tim, Holly and Steve, Holly's husband, will come in Friday afternoon to help move books so the bookshelf can be moved. Ticket prices will be the same as last year--\$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 at the door. This year, the event will begin at 6:00 pm. The timeline will be as follows: 6-6:30 pm appetizers and silent auction bidding, 6:30-7:15 pm part one of Chad's program, 7:15-7:45 pm break for more silent auction bidding and appetizers, and lastly, 7:45-8:30 pm part two of Chad's program with wrap up of silent auction after. Drafts of posters, tickets & programs should be available for approval at the next meeting. We lined out some other tasks, and those are attached on a separate list.

LIBRARY GOALS FOR 2016

CALENDAR / TASK LIST

A draft calendar was developed by Mitzi Storm. We will work on this further at the March meeting, as time is running short at this meeting. Board members will choose some dates for particular displays they'd like to see throughout the year that coincide with appropriate months. Bring ideas to the next meeting.

OTHER

Mitzi Storm handed out some information from another library and the programs they offer to both children and adults. Tim Jones brought up an idea for "Donuts With Dads," and we all think it's a great idea along with "Muffins With Moms." All of these ideas will be discussed further at a future meeting.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 7th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on a motion by Jo-Ann Wegman, seconded by Evonne Horn. Motion declared carried.

