FLORA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: President Maralee Johnson called the meeting to order on Monday, February 14th at 7:00 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

PRESENT: Karen Briscoe, Joe Gilliland, Maralee Johnson, Doug Mack, Dr. Robert Marley, Joe McCoy, Rebecca Stocke and Kari Warren, as well as Director Donna Corry. Absent: Robbin Dickey

CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Joe Gilliland to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Joe McCoy. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

-Review of financial reports and bank statements.

A motion to accept the treasurer’s report, as presented, was made by Doug Mack and seconded by Rebecca Stocke. The motion passed unanimously.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Comments on reports

-Just so you are aware: the investment accounts are all down from their original amount. The board report just gives overall increase/decrease. Actual numbers are on the statements in the blue folder

-Our new part-time employee is Jenness Lewis. She has a Bachelor’s Degree in Fine Arts from Carbondale. She is doing a fantastic job and is currently scheduled for 18 hours per week. Angela has been training her to shelve and on basics. Angela is setting up SHARE circulation training for her.

-Chad has replaced all of the ceiling tiles except in the AV/Friends room. The roof has been temporarily patched and it should last a year. Someone is going to come and look at the large cracks and problem area near the computers.

-We purchased two new barcode scanners as ours were out of date and having issues with reading properly. The bill is in the invoice folder tonight.

-The Mobile Beacon hotspots for the Expanding Digital Inclusion Grant have arrived. Those should be ready for circulation in a week or two. The cases for them have arrived.

-Masks are optional indoors as of Feb. 28. We will put a sign up to reflect the change.

-U of I will take bound newspapers but have to find a place for them

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

PAYMENT OF BILLS: A motion was made by Dr. Robert Marley and seconded by Karen Briscoe to approve payment of the bills. The motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Dr. Robert Marley distributed Friends of the Library renewal forms to the board members present at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

* The proposed FY2022-2023 Budget- Third Draft was presented and discussed. A motion was made by Doug Mack and seconded by Kari Warren to accept the Budget as presented- after noting the changes to the salary portion of the budget.
* The Laptop/Hotspot Policy (Digital Inclusion Grant) – Second Reading was reviewed and discussed.
* The Live and Learn Grant was presented, reviewed, and discussed by Director Corry before Joe McCoy made a motion to submit the grant as presented with Becky Stocke seconding that motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
* Other New Business: The board decided to purchase one or two books in honor of Pat Booth, long time Board member, who recently passed away. Director Corry will complete the purchase/purchases.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (when needed): None

UPCOMING MEETINGS /EVENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting concluded at 7:41 p.m.

Submitted by: Karen Briscoe 02-15-22