FLORA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: President Maralee Johnson called the meeting to order on Monday, August 9th at 7:00 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Joe Gilliland to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Becky Stocke. 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 Karen Briscoe and seconded by Doug Mack. The motion passed unanimously.

Endowment Fund CD #1matured July 21, 2021. Total amount of the CD at maturity was $103,743.86 ($103,829.13 after interest added). The reinvestment proposed was that $ 81,835.00 be invested with Benjamin Edwards (Cole Duke) and $ 21,907.00 be invested with Edward Jones (Matt Piatt). A motion that this proposal be accepted as presented was made by Doug Mack and seconded by Dr. Bob Marley. The motion passed unanimously. Treasurer, Robert Marley, will inform Cole Duke and Matt Piatt of the decision and conclude the paperwork with the prospective companies. The monies going to Benjamin Edwards will be included with the Endowment fund that is already in place, as it is currently Endowment fund monies. The monies going to Edward Jones will need to be put into a new account as the monies already placed with them is from the Duff fund and the new money is from the Endowment fund. These need to be identified and tracked separately.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

-Comments on reports

-Interest added to Endowment CD#1-Matured 7/21/2021 $85.27

-I have listed totals for the Edward Jones and Benjamin Edwards   
 investments and noted the amount of increase or decrease

-Joyce’s retirement open house went well. She loved and appreciated the clock shaped like a book and the open house. We estimate that there were probably 50 people who went through.

-I am applying for an Expanding Digital Inclusion Grant. It is part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds. If awarded, we will be purchasing 8 laptops from Lazerware and 11 hotspots and service plans from Tech Soup. The laptops will have Microsoft Office programs loaded on them. These devices will be for checkout and our target audience is adult cardholders. The purpose of the grant is to assist people in recovering from the pandemic. Total amount of the grant is $13,428.76

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Director Corry spoke with the Book Club president to inform them permission is granted to meet monthly in the meeting room (no charge) as long as two stipulations are met: in the spirit of co-operation, the meeting is to be open to the public and at the culmination of 6 months the Book Club is willing to sit down with Director Corry to discuss positives and /or improvements/changes to sustain the success of the club. The Book Club respectfully declined.

NEW BUSINESS

* The first reading of the revised Circulation Policy Update was previewed and the changes, additions, corrections, and deletions were discussed at length.
* The FY2021-2022 1st Quarter Report was presented. Joe Gilliland made a motion, with Becky Stocke seconding the motion, to accept the report as presented and discussed. The motion carried unanimously.
* The FY2021-2022 1st Quarter Budget Amendment was also presented. Doug Mack made a motion, with Dr. Robert Marley seconding the motion, to accept the report as presented and discussed. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (when needed): None

UPCOMING MEETINGS /EVENTS: None

OPEN: A report was given on Joyce Denoncour’s very thoughtfully planned, organized, and successful retirement party. The Open House was held Sunday, August 8th from 1:00 – 3:00 in the main room of the library to honor Joyce for her many years of dedicated service to the Flora Library and community. The many well wishes and attendees were able to visit with and express their good luck sentiments to Joyce. They were given goody bags as they left the reception.

Angela Garrett provided an overview and summary of the 2021 Summer Reading Program Statistics (with hopes and tentative expectations to be set throughout the ongoing year) to the Board. The adults in the program read 291 books. The children read a total of 21,112 minutes or 351 hours.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting concluded at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Karen Briscoe 08-10-21

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