

Mexico-Audrain County Library District
Minutes for Board of Trustee’s Monthly Meeting
March 18, 2020

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Deimeke at 10:30 a.m. Board members present included Aggie Deimeke, Bob Fenlon, Connie Hesse, Karen Mossman, Kay Robnett and Steve Sims. Also present: Library Director, Christal Bruner and Office Manager, Monica Taylor.

Approval of bills and minutes:

Approval of February bills and minutes with a motion by Hesse, second by Robnett; motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Yes votes from Deimeke, Fenlon, Hesse, Mossman, Robnett, and Sims.

Monthly Reports:

Director’s Report – sent in packet

Statistical Report – sent in packet

Committee reports:

Finance/Endowment/Investment Fund Committee

Fenlon, Robnett, Sims

No report.

Property/Equipment/Building Committee

Childs, Fenlon, Sims

No report.

Personnel Committee

Dial, Hesse, Mossman, Williams

The committee will meet with Director Bruner in the next couple of months regarding the upcoming year’s employment contract.

Unfinished business:

Regarding changing the name of the Farber Library to the Vernelle Hull Memorial Library, the committee doesn’t recommend changing the name. Looking at the long-term, they think a name change like that could lead to issues with the naming of the district’s other libraries in the future. They suggested a very nice, brass plaque featuring a photo of Mrs. Hull and a narrative regarding her 54 years of service to the library and the Farber community. Director Bruner will prepare a narrative for the Board to review at a future meeting.

New business:

An Epidemic and Public Emergency Policy was presented. Fenlon made a motion to accept the policy; Sims seconded. Motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Yes votes from Deimeke, Fenlon, Hesse, Mossman, Robnett, and Sims.

There has been no forward movement on Senate Joint Resolution No. 44 regarding property tax. Director Bruner will keep the Board up to date on any future activity related to this subject.

Patron concerns: None.

Staff concerns: None.

Executive Session: None.

Other:

Discussion regarding closing the library district to protect library staff and customers in response to the global Coronavirus pandemic. Almost all schools and libraries in the state have announced they will be closing and it is certain that this situation will get worse before it gets better. Fenlon made a motion to close all district libraries at the end of the work day Saturday, March 21st and to be closed until further notice. Robnett seconded the motion; motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Yes votes from Deimeke, Fenlon, Hesse, Mossman, Robnett, and Sims.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. with a motion by Hesse; second by Mossman; motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Yes votes from Deimeke, Fenlon, Hesse, Mossman, Robnett, and Sims.

Next meeting:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 15th, 2020 at the Mexico Library.