

## Glenwood Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

February 1, 2023

The GPL Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Chairman Wray at 5:30 pm. Present and attending in person were Painter, Wray, Thrane, George and Hines. Duran attended via Zoom.

There were no guests.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion to approve the consent agenda with the removal of item two was made by George, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thrane. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Bridges letter of agreement signed by Painter and a note from Donna Bishop's daughter. Donna was a great patron of the library.

**Director's Report:** As written. Painter added she applied for the Mills County Community Foundation grant on January 31. The Foundation agreed to match funds for items to enhance the Children's Library once the bookcases are in, and to cover the \$32,000.00. Painter has sent requests to Library Furniture International, and they're getting new cost numbers within the next couple of weeks.

The indoor "snowball fight" was amazing. People are really enjoying Hoopla and Libby provided in Adult Services. Samantha has taken over the cataloging in Genealogy, and John and Painter oversee the Genealogy Department.

On Staff Day staff did all the health training that the city insurers require. Painter also included the documents she shared with the County Supervisors when she gave her presentation. George asked Painter if the supervisors gave her a per capita read. Painter said they did not, but that information can be found on the State Library of Iowa's website.

### **Committees and Reports:**

**Friends Report:** Friends met. The Salad Luncheon will be held April 25, during National Library Week, at Kaufman Hall.

**Foundation Report:** The Foundation board held an online vote to approve the library's application for the Mills County Community Foundation grant. George provided an update. The Foundation is withdrawing its funds (50K) from the Malvern bank so in a couple of weeks they can convert the certificates of deposit to CD's. The Foundation will get 4.25% interest which is significant. The board wants to vote on that at the next meeting.

Wray reported that he mentioned to Painter that in the future the library might apply to the Rhoden Foundation when looking for money. The city has no choice but to replace the Fire Station building. Discussion on the present building, location, and building codes followed.

## **Old Business:**

- 1. Basement Flooding Update:** Painter reported that she's waiting for the final numbers based on changes made. The library didn't need as many bookcases. The flooding issue seems to be resolved; however water is weeping through the walls, not a deluge like before, but they can't do anything now. They're going to seal up more of the ramp and move a drainpipe.

## **New Business:**

- 1. Mango Languages:** Painter would like to try out Mango Languages for a year using Enrich Iowa funds. Mango Languages is like Duo Lingo and has a mobile app for iOS and android as well as the computer. There are no limitations as to how many persons can access the app and they are not confined to the library to use it. The board watched a presentation highlighting the languages offered along with the program's features and benefits. Because Painter is using Enrich Iowa funds this year, she doesn't need a vote. If the library likes the program and decides they want to use it next year, there will need to be a vote. Cost without the discount is \$1,150.00 a year. Benefits to the community and schools was discussed. Duran left the meeting.
- 2. Part-time Position:** The position has been filled. Tabitha Parker has been hired and starts tomorrow. The advertisement for the Genealogy position closes next Friday, the 10th. Painter has three outstanding candidates all with library experience.
- 3. Basement Revitalization Bookcases:** The museum wants the library's discarded bookcases to use for storage. After some discussion, motion to donate any and all bookcases to the Mills County Historical Museum was made by George, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thrane. Roll call vote. Ayes: Wray, George, Thrane, and Hines. Nays: 0
- 4. Paint Iowa Beautiful Grant:** Deadline is February 10. Motion to apply for the Paint Iowa Beautiful Grant made by George, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wray. Roll call vote. Ayes: Wray, George, Thrane, and Hines. Nays: 0
- 5. Iowa Library Trustees Handbook - Chapter 14:** Standards. GPL meets all but two of about 60 standards. The library wants to eventually allow credit card use. The library uses the same company as the city uses and Amber is working on changing that, so the library is on hold until that change is made. George had a question on direct state aid and the library's budget. Enrich Iowa is the only thing that's a line item. Direct state aid goes into the general fund. It doesn't impact the library's budget. Discussion followed.

## **Questions and Comments:**

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by George, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thrane. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:33pm.

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Debra Hines, Secretary

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Bob Wray, President