

Glenwood Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

October 7, 2020

The GPL Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Chair Wray at 5:30 pm. Present were Wray, Thrane, George, Painter, Duran and Hines. Guest, Shana Stuart from the University of Iowa, was also in attendance. George, Thrane, Duran and Hines attended via Zoom.

Motion to approve consent agenda was made by George, 2nd by Thrane. Ayes: Wray, Thrane, George, Duran, Hines. Nays 0.

Correspondence: Painter reported the library has received several thank you notes from patrons and a donation subscription to “Our Iowa” magazine.

Director’s Report: As written. Dawn Miller from the Tabor Public Library will take all the library furniture that Glenwood doesn’t use.

There was no Friends Report.

Foundation Report: George reported that this year’s fall fundraiser has been cancelled. Instead mailers will be sent to former attendees and a compiled list of library patrons.

Old Business: With Covid-19 numbers still going up, Painter is postponing re-opening the library. The board was in agreement. The library will continue to operate curbside service Monday-Saturday.

Space needs assessment grant: Shana Stuart, Director of the Carnegie Libraries in Iowa, ran a series of questions by the board regarding growth and the library’s future space needs. Discussion followed with the board providing suggestions. Stuart will work up a report to submit to Painter, then present it to the board via Zoom by December’s meeting.

New Business: Painter provided an amended copy of the library’s Sex Offender Policy. Some discussion followed. A motion to approve the policy as amended was made by George, 2nd by Duran. Ayes: Wray, Thrane, George, Duran and Hines. Nays: 0

The new Wi-Fi system project was discussed. A motion to approve Computer Cable Connections to run cables and update the library’s Wi-Fi not to exceed \$2600.00 was made by George, 2nd by Duran. Ayes: Wray, Thrane, George, Duran and Hines. Nays: 0

Selection and bids on the library’s new front door were discussed. A motion to accept the bronze door bid at \$4723.00 was made by Wray, 2nd by Hines. Ayes: Wray, Thrane, George, Duran and Hines. Nays: 0

Painter reported that one of the library's light switches and the emergency light are no longer working. She would like to get a bid on electrical repairs, as well as moving the outlet that interferes with the door counter into the entryway. Painter will get bids for a board vote next month.

Discussion on the proposed new phone system followed. Painter recommended trying the simple, less expensive solution first. Even though the money has already been budgeted for the more expensive system, she's concerned about the unreliability of that system's fax bridge. A motion to remain with the library's current provider and replace the existing phones at a cost of \$480.00 was made by Duran, 2nd by George. Ayes: Wray, Thrane, George, Duran and Hines. Nays: 0

Wray brought up the subject of going paperless with the board packets, saving paper and time. A brief discussion followed, and the board agreed to try this option for a few months. Painter will post material for the board meetings on Google docs.

Painter requested that board members email her once they complete a Boardroom 2020 session. Once again, she suggested the board take the Open Meetings session. She will email the link.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by George, 2nd by Wray. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Debra Hines, Secretary

Bob Wray, President