

**Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library
Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees
July 28, 2015**

Rebecca Sanford called the meeting to order at 7:22pm. Other board members present were Ren Baldwin, Liz Darato, Kate Cravens, Mimi Elwell, Bill Engeln, Diana Flora, Michael Moon, Robyn Neumann and Director Stephanie Masin.

Also Present: Paula Stakely, assistant director.

Absent: none

Announcements: none

Minutes: It was moved by Baldwin, seconded by Elwell to approve the minutes of July 2014 board meeting. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report: It was moved by Baldwin, seconded by Darato to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Statistical Report: It was moved by Moon, seconded by Elwell to accept the statistical report. Motion carried. Question about the count of borrowers, broken down by current and expired. Masin explained that the expire need to renew cards. They are purged from the system after three years of inactivity.

President's Report: A motion to approve the amended Holiday schedule to include NYE 2016, and board meeting dates was made by Baldwin, seconded by Elwell. Motion carried.

Director's Report: 2015 was a challenging year for the library's building. The city, however, reimbursed the library for the roof and HVAC controls from 2011. They also bought a new AC unit and fixed the crumbling front steps. Library patrons and Silver Beach Pizza contributed to our new carpet funding. The Friends of the Library purchased a new TV display screen and paint. From the city survey, it's clear the residents of St. Joseph want to continue to help fund the library.

The library has had some outstanding programs this past year. The Summer reading program was fully funded, the Lego event, the Calvin College Speaker Series. The library has also successfully coordinated with the Heritage Museum and the Krasl for programming.

A new website, and the use of social media have attracted more people to programming. Checking out books through the overdrive system continues to increase in numbers. The staff continues to stay informed and continues their education through workshops and collaboration with others.

Election of Officers: A motion to accept the slate of officers for the year was made by Elwell, seconded by Darato. Motion carried.

President-Rebecca Sanford
Vice President-Michael Moon
Treasurer- Ren Baldwin
Secretary-Kate Cravens

Adjournment: It was moved by Moon, seconded by Baldwin to adjourn the meeting at 7:53. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Cravens

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Secretary