

CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY LIBRARY MINUTES

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charlotte Community Library, County of Eaton, State of Michigan, held in the Library on March 17, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time.

Present: Mary Sloan, Sylvia Colles, Dale Dodds, Jo Jones, Keith Tirrell, Sharon VanLoton, and Gloria Wilson

Staff: Jim Oliver, Ann Goeman, and Sally Seifert

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM EST

Agenda: Changes to agenda under category #9 Millage Update. The addition of presentation of PowerPoint from the Charlotte Library Yes committee, Jim Oliver showing the PowerPoint in the absence of the committee; and a letter from the board regarding the millage. Dale moved that the agenda be accepted with the changes, Sharon 2nd. All voted aye.

Minutes from regular board meeting, February 18, 2016. Dale moved that the minutes be accepted as written, Sharon 2nd. All voted aye.

Financial report: One expenditure to PotterVilla in the amount of \$305.00 was added to the list of expenditures. Sharon moved to accept the financial report and pay the bills as amended. Gloria 2nd. All voted aye.

Consensus of the board is to add the MERS liability numbers to the bottom of the balance sheet so the board is continually aware of the amount of the library's liability.

No citizen comments.

Comment box: One comment from the box citing good experiences using the library, would recommend library to friends, and asked that we consider a computer class on photo editing.

Staff comments: Ann Goeman and Sally Seifert gave a presentation in support of a millage increase of 0.5 mils for a total request of 1.4 mils.

Recommendation for attorney to write the ballot proposal for the library: Jim presented a list of three attorneys and recommended two of the them. Jo recommended that the library use the firm that has been used in the past and recommended the use of Foster Swift Collins, and Smith PC. Jo moved, Gloria seconded, all voted aye.

Millage update: Jim presented the PowerPoint that has been developed by the Charlotte Library Yes committee in the absence of the committee. The board provided comments on the appearance of the slides.

The board carefully considered and discussed the issues and concerns with the recommendations for a millage that will support the library for the next 10 years. Sylvia moved for an increase of 0.5 mil from the current 0.9 mil for a millage of 1.4 mils. Gloria seconded the motion, Sharon 3rd the motion. All of the board was unanimous and voted aye in favor of 1.4 mils.

Discussion of a letter to be published in the local newspaper about the board's approval of the millage. The letter will be further edited for publication in next week's County Journal.

Director's Report: Since the number of participants in the winter reading program went down compared to last year, a different prize structure will be developed for the summer reading program.

No old business.

No new business.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM EST.