

**Huntington City-Township Public Library
Board of Trustees
October 21, 2013**

Budget Adoption

Present:

- Wil Kline, Peggy Caley, Fred Scheiber, Juanita Buzzard, Donna Norwood, Andy Zay, Jamie Foday, Director Kathy Holst.

Peggy Caley called the Budget Adoption meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

1. Kathy and the board reviewed the Resolution to Reduce LIRF in the amount of \$1,080,035.00. Fred Scheiber made a motion to accept the resolution. Andy Zay second. Motion carried.
2. Budget figures were reviewed and a motion was made by Fred Scheiber to adopt the 2014 budget as advertised. Andy Zay second. Motion carried.

Budget Adoption meeting closed.

Regular Meeting

Present:

- Wil Kline, Peggy Caley, Fred Scheiber, Juanita Buzzard, donna Norwood, Andy Zay, Jamie Foday, Director Kathy Holst.

Visitor:

- Mark Hamilton – Markle County Council

Peggy Caley called the regular board meeting to order.

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

- Andy Zay made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Donna Norwood second. Motion carried.

Reading and Approval of Financial Report:

- Kathy reported that she made the investment of \$100,000.00 for 31 months at 1st Source Bank. Jamie Foday made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Wil Kline second. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills:

- Jamie Foday made a motion to accept the bills as presented. Wil Kline second. Motion carried.

Report of the Librarian:

- Author Tess Gerritson luncheon went very well. She sent the library a thank you note along with a \$100.00 donation.
- Kathy reported that the Princess Party held at the Markle Branch had 24 in attendance, Discovery Crew had 9 young adults and StoryTime had 8 children. Kathy says the numbers support the projects.
- A fine forgiveness night along with a scavenger hunt is planned for Crestview School November 11th. Jamie updated the board how it will work. Kay Stine will be in charge at the library.
- Lincoln School 5th graders were at the library for research day. It went very well.
- Fred asked Kathy about the Health Insurance Marketplace. Kathy updated the board on current information she received from Deb Johnson of RE Sutton. There is a chance of a 20% reduction. Kathy unsure whether this will happen.
- Kathy received a letter from the Town of Markle concerning the purchase of the current Markle Branch location. See unfinished business.

Committee Reports:

- None

Communications:

- None

Unfinished Business:

- **Mark Hamilton from the Markle Town Council** was introduced. Mark reported that the library is important to the Town of Markle. They would like to see a new building built and that they have a use for the current library location. He said the Markle residents feel the levy was raised for the purpose of building a new building. Fred asked if there was a document that supported this fact. Kathy told the board and Mark that the agreement with the Markle library board at that time was that we would keep a library in Markle for at least 5 years. Fred voiced his concern about building something new. Jamie feels there is no replacement for a building, maybe not a brand new one but the need is still there for one.
The board looked at different options and used this as a question and answer time with Mark. Wil feels we need to make a decision soon. Mark said the soft date for the library to vacate is December 2014. After much discussion Mark was asked by the board to present a joint venture question to the Markle Town Council about collaborating on a project at the current town site to see if that is an option. Andy feels we need an answer from Markle now. Mark says our offer has not been turned down but tabled. We will wait for a Markle Town Council response.
- **Health Insurance Policy** – held for next month
- **Library/School Cooperation**, Jamie asked if there is a way to offer a free library card to school children in Huntington Schools. Kathy said there is a way to offer reduced fees. She told the board our goal has always been to serve the county. Jamie asked what the library has done to bring folks from the county in. Andy thinks a collaboration with the schools is another area

just like the Markle situation, also if it is that much of an issue then the family needs to get with their township trustee. Juanita told the board how some time ago the library trustees offered 3 townships free library service for a limited time but was refused. Andy said if teachers believe there is a need then a conversation needs to happen with the trustees. Jamie asked what the solution to an easy problem is. The board continued discussion.

New Business:

- **Staff Christmas party** – the staff will hold their Christmas party on December 6th. Kathy requested the Markle branch to close at 5:00 so all staff members can attend. Andy Zay made a motion to close the Markle branch for the staff Christmas party. Juanita second. Motion carried.
- **LIRF Resolution to Reduce Appropriation** – see Budget Adoption

Public Input:

- None

Meeting adjourned with a motion from Andy Zay. Wil Kline second. Motion carried.

Jamie Foday, Secretary by Jeri Davis
