

OSAGE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
July 3, 2018
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Osage County Library Board meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Kaye Bertels, Vice-President. Judy Speidel, Administrative Assistant was present to take the minutes.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT

Kaye Bertels, Bonnie Baker, and Debbie Rowles. Also present were: Claudia Cook, Library Director, and Betty Hagenhoff, Assistant Director.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Debbie Rowles moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2018 meeting. Bonnie Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A: None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A: Election of Officers

Debbie Rowles made a motion to nominate Bonnie Baker for President of the Osage County Library Board. Kaye Bertels seconded. The motion passed.

Debbie Rowles made a motion to nominate Peggy Mulvania for Treasurer. Kaye Bertels seconded. The motion passed.

Claudia reported Noelle Parker, Osage County Library Branch Manager has some suggestions on possible board members and Claudia will follow-up with Noelle on the recommendations.

B. Building Discussion

Claudia reported that immediately before leaving Jefferson City, Dan Hostetler owner of the Deutches Heim building called her to see if the Library had made any decision on the purchase of the Deutches Heim building. He is very interested in selling the building to the MRRL Library and is now willing to sell the building for \$370,000. Dan has indicated his family uses the Osage County Library on a regular basis and really wants the library to have this building. Debbie Rowles reported the building has 11,000 square feet and the board members liked the fact that it is all one level. Betty advised a building that size would normally go for \$400,000 - \$425,000 and the Dollar General building was offered to the library for \$425,000.

Claudia advised that the selling price was something the library could handle but the operational costs would increase.

Betty provided the members with an Expense Analysis for the Osage County Library Branch if purchasing the Deutches Heim building.

Noelle had reported to Claudia that the Library did not need to be open additional hours yet. Betty indicated one additional full time staff and some additional part time hours may be needed. She also reported Noelle has had to turn down financial help from the Friends group as she had no room for additional items in the current library. Also she reported Bryan Dunlap recommended considering some type of bookmobile just for Osage County. Debbie advised Noelle indicated the library gets very little walk-in patrons. Betty indicated it will be farther away from the parochial school but closer to the public schools and Missouri State Technical College.

Kaye suggested having a community room to rent out if the building has a separate exit door so the room can be used outside of library hours. Bonnie Baker advised there is a big parking problem at the current library and the new site will have lots of room for parking. Betty reported there was only one bathroom and it was handicap accessible. Claudia reported there is a kitchen which Noelle was very excited about and the Office was perfect for Noelle. Debbie reported the air conditioner is nine years old.

Betty reported the price is \$370,000 but with closing costs it would run close to \$374,000 plus remodeling costs in the form of carpeting, furniture, and shelving. Betty also reported there will need to be a closed off meeting room with carpet and there will be moving costs as well. Claudia reported the Friends of the Osage County Library would most likely help with those items.

Discussion was held on the pros and cons of the new location as to accessibility to patrons in Osage County. Discussion also was held on the pros and cons of seeking land elsewhere and erecting a new building which would cost more than what Mr. Hostetler is offering. After discussion the board members felt they were getting a lot for the price, the building is laid out well, and will have handicap parking.

Debbie Rowles made a motion to recommend to the MRRL Board to purchase the Deutches Heim building. Kaye Bertels seconded. The motion passed.

Claudia advised she will contact Dan Hostetler and let him know the recommendation will be made at the July MRRL Board to purchase the building.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

APPROVED: August 27, 2018