

MANHATTAN-ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

September 26, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Manhattan-Elwood Public Library District was called to order at 4:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present (voting member):

Sharon Gill, Robert Braam
Kim Ciuffini Keri English,
Kelly Davis

Not Present:

Chris Sunday
Chris Boeringa

Library Staff:

Ashley Hopper, Director
Nicole Silberman, Admin. Assistant

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: None

MINUTES: Meeting minutes from August 22, 2016 were approved as written.

CORRESPONDENCE: Tax appeal letter regarding property within the district was received.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Filed for audit.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: New book return has been ordered to replace the old and rusted out book return currently located at the Village Hall in Elwood. New weekly story time programs will be held at the Village Hall in Elwood. The library will make a "scarecrow" to be displayed in town by the Village of Manhattan. The Manhattan Woman's Club have agreed to sponsor the "1000 Books" program, which encourages reading to babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. The library will be starting to take inventory of all the books in the library, beginning with the non-fiction section.

PAYMENT OF SPECIAL BILLS: None

COMMITTEES:

Budget: Secretary Ciuffini motioned and Vice President Braam seconded the motion to adopt the Tax Levy Ordinance #16-4. Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Bylaws: Attorney Roger Ritzman reviewed and updated the Bylaws. Changes were minor and consisted of wording changes and removing outdated information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Pavilion Addition: After discussion, it was agreed to have a wood pavilion rather than vinyl for cost savings. Discussed possibility of adding a water line installed for easier access to water. Construction of the pavilion is planned for the spring of 2017.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Election: There are 4 openings for library trustees in the April 4, 2017 consolidated general election. Packets are now available for pick up at the library and must be filed between December 12 and December 19, 2016.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS: None

ADJOURNMENT: 5:13 pm

Respectively submitted,

Nicole Silberman, Administrative Assistant