

Hobart Public Library Board of Directors

Minutes, July 11, 2017

The Hobart Public Library Board of Directors met Tuesday, July 11, 2017. Present were board members Bob Shaw, Flavious Richardson, Mary Ann Freeman, Cecil Stockton, Anna Wehrle and Sue Johnson. Also in attendance was librarian, Brandi Tointigh. Absent were Carol Battles, Gwen Sims and Jeri Menz.

President Bob Shaw called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Minutes of the May 9, 2017, meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Brandi Tointigh presented the librarian's report: The summer reading program has been a huge success; several groups have used the library for meetings; usage numbers are strong; circulation is up.

Anna Wehrle presented an update on the window replacement in the older part of the library. Buddy Jones looked at the existing windows and found extensive termite damage in the children's library. (The city does not have the library on its schedule for routine termite maintenance and eradication; Brandi has been told that she is responsible for finding and contracting with an exterminator. Other city buildings may be scheduled for termite control. Bob stated that he will talk to the new city manager about the termite issue and try to get the library on a schedule.)

Two bids were received from TH Rogers for the 34 windows: \$4989.04, windows with grids; \$4195.85, windows without grids. Installation is estimated at \$5000 to \$8000. And estimated total for the windows would be \$15,000 to \$20,000. Possible grants include the Inasmuch Foundation capital improvements grant and Main Street grant. The Main Street grant is a reimbursement grant only. However, an architect is available that would help satisfy historical requirements. All grant requests would have to be submitted by the city.

Bob thanked Anna for her research and work.

The library has received a grant for E-books from the Carolyn Watson Rural Oklahoma Community Foundation. Bob will write a story for the newspaper and the radio station regarding this grant.

Brandi asked about having carpets cleaned throughout the library; she will get three quotes from carpet cleaning companies.

Brandi gave board members an update on Liz: a second opinion was approved, and her surgery will be performed by the doctor who gave her the first opinion.

The next meeting of the library board will be September 12, 2017, at 9 a.m. Bob will invite the new city manager to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

/s/ Sue Johnson, Acting Secretary

/s/ Bob Shaw, President