

Talcott Free Library Board Meeting
April 4, 2016
7:00 PM

Mission Statement: The Talcott Free Library District provides current materials in a variety of formats and preserves local history, supports educational endeavors, and supplies community information.

Present: Bailor, Butler, Eggers, Kovanda, Mohring, Stevens, Zimmerman, Gove
Guest: Nina Herzer, Lisa Schultz (interested in future opening on board)

The meeting was called to order by president Kovanda.

Public Comment: None

Guest Speaker: David Allen in attendance to discuss results of internal feasibility study and present his recommendations.

Secretary's Report: Amended minutes approved unanimously. Mohring moved, Butler seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed March: total expenses were \$36,322. A transfer of \$30,000 from IL Working Interest to checking. End of June next tax payment will be received. We will receive E-rate reimbursement soon which will equal around \$9000 (hopefully by end of May). May need to cash in a CD to make ends meet through end of fiscal year. Bailor moved to accept treasurer's report, seconded by Zimmerman. Approved.

Librarian's Report: Reconciliation came out even. Little bit of property tax \$ received and some e-rate \$. No unusual expenses. Mohring moved to approve seconded by Butler.
Per capita grant awarded (\$10,620) however it is approximately \$7000 less than in previous years. Funds are not guaranteed due to the current State Budget impasse.

Building and Grounds: Library used to pay Brent to mow the yard, however he is going to hire someone to do it. Library will not have to pay for it because it is less than he was paying someone previously.

There has been an offer to re-do some of the landscaping in the front of the building by volunteers. Mohring moved to approve the landscaping improvements by volunteers, seconded by Stevens. Approved.

Old Business: Policy manual changes. Gove reformatted written policies and prepared a new table of contents to match changes. She will send out old and new policies for board to review and then will be discussed next month.

New Business: The Dairy Haus lease is up next month. Need to obtain information about current leases in the downtown area to determine amount to ask for coming term. Mohring moved that we offer a one year lease for \$4200 with plan to offer longer lease after that year while we investigate prices in Rockton. The motion was seconded by Stevens. Approved.

A letter of interest was received regarding possibly filling Stevens' position on the board in the near future.

The board discussed results of David Allen's initial feasibility study. Mohring put forward a motion to move forward with the outside feasibility study as presented by Allen. The motion was seconded by Bailor. The motion was approved unanimously.

Zimmerman moved to adjourn at 8:40 PM, seconded by Mohring. The next regular meeting of the library board is May 2, 2016 at 7:00 PM.