WSPL Board Minutes: Special Meeting

Location: Webb Shadle Public Library Board Room

Date: August 30th, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm

Attendees: Jennifer Latch, Tammy Clark (via phone), Julie Cowden

1. Call to order: 7:00 pm
2. Special Board Meeting to discuss funding ILA conference for Library Director: JoEllen has the opportunity to attend a state-wide conference for library directors in Coralville, IA held October 12th – 14th of this year. She attended one day at this ILA conference last year and found it beneficial. There will be keynote speakers and break-out classes pertaining to libraries and valuable networking opportunities. JoEllen presented three different estimates for attending: #1)attending just one day ($175) with mileage (216 mile round trip x .59/mile - City of Pleasantville rate - $127.44), #2)attending 2 days with extra session –Principles of Education Programming for Lifelong Learners ($220) with mileage only ($127.44 x 2 = $254.88) OR with mileage ($127.44) and a one night hotel stay ($150), and #3)the full conference with extra session ($260), mileage ($127.44), and hotel.

The budget will allow for full funding of this conference, mileage, and a two-night hotel stay by utilizing one of two options: 1)amending the budget to include the extra money the library received which was not expected from the Marion County Board of Supervisors when the board initially presented the budget for city approval, or 2)supplementing the book budget with money from a grant that Friends of the Library received for book purchases. Either would require meeting for approval, but the Board felt confident that one of these options would come to fruition. To get the early registration rate quoted in the conference price above, JoEllen needs to register by September 12th (before the next board meeting is scheduled.)

Part-time library employee Jerra Fust is available to cover the conference days for JoEllen at the library.

Cowden moved to approve funding the full conference and extra session with mileage and a two night hotel stay at an estimated cost of $687.44 with the understanding that JoEllen can attend less days if she chooses at a lower cost. Latch seconded. Passed unanimously.

Cowden suggested that JoEllen look into membership in ILA. There is a membership discount for the conference which might result in similar pricing, but with the added benefit of ILA membership if JoEllen thought if would be beneficial. Cowden moved to approve the membership cost if JoEllen found it helpful in other ways. Latch seconded. Passed unanimously.

1. Adjourn: 7:33 pm. Motion Latch. Seconded Cowden. Passed.