

**MASCOUTAH PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MARCH 18, 2014**

The Trustees of the Mascoutah Public Library held its regular meeting at the library on March 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Trustees present were Nancy Larson, Frank Bandre, Wayne Wilhelm, Suzy Friederich, Anne Schorr, Jordan Kneschke, and Merly Friedland; absent were Roger Grodeon and Linda Tribout. Also present was Library Director Marian Albers.

President Nancy Larson presided and Merly Friedland recorded the minutes. There were no additions to the agenda. No public comments were heard or submitted.

The minutes of the board meetings held on January 21, 2014, February 3, 2014, and February 25, 2014 were approved as written.

**Financial Report:** Frank presented the Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2014, the statements of income and expenses for the months of January & February, 2014 and the year-to-date period from May 1, 2013 to February 28, 2014. There are no unusual items to report at this time. Funds have been transferred gradually from Regions Bank to Citizens Community Bank. We continue to use surplus funds on special items and activities.

*Upon a motion by Anne, seconded by Jordan, the Board unanimously approved the above financial statements and ordered that the same be filed for audit.*

**Personnel Committee Report:** On behalf of the Committee, Nancy presented and made a recommendation for Board approval, a proposed salary schedule for the library staff for FY 2014-2015.

*Upon a motion by Anne, seconded by Suzy, the Board unanimously accepted the above described recommendation of the Personnel Committee, as presented.*

**Director's Report:** Please refer to the Library Circulation Report and the Director's written report for the March, 2014 Board Meeting, with comments and updates on: 1) Library happenings 2) Directors events and meetings, and 3) Meeting room use.

**Other information:** This year, the Library and the Summer Reading Program will be 85 years old and 50 years old, respectively. Several promotional items were bought to mark the occasion. Details were provided of the Library's involvement in the Mascoutah Historical Society's Civil War Exhibit and the Speaker presentations from March to October. The Genealogy workshop will be conducted by the St. Clair Genealogical Society on April 18. The Library Friends Book Sale has been scheduled for April 4, 5 & 7.

**Old Business:** The Library received the Deed to the real estate from the City on February 28, 2014. Relative thereto, the Board had further discussions of the property and liability insurance coverage for the library. The Board then decided to accept the proposal of Foppe Insurance Agency, Inc.

**Old Business - continued:**

*Upon a motion by Suzy, seconded by Frank, the Board approved, by unanimous voice vote, the proposal of Foppe Insurance Agency, Inc. to provide property and liability insurance to the library at the quoted premium of \$5,149.*

For possible additional coverage, Marian was requested to inquire how the City handled earthquake coverage for the library. Another item that needs looking into is the Worker's Compensation coverage.

**New Business:** Anne brought up the new gun law and asked whether the library needs to have a policy on this issue. Based on specific provisions of the law covering libraries, it was felt that posting the appropriate sign not to carry concealed weapons is adequate. This matter will be discussed with the Policy Committee.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, President Nancy declared the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. The next Board Meeting will be on May 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Merly T. Friedland  
Secretary