

Minutes  
Marshfield Library & Community Center Committee  
Wednesday, May 7, 2014 4:00 p.m.  
Marshfield Public Library, Beebee Forum Room

Doty called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Attendance: Mat Bartkowiak, Kris Keogh, Jean Doty, Becky Spencer, Steve Barg, Jason Angell, Kelly Cassidy and Lori Belongia

Absent: Mayor Chris Meyer

Also present: Floreine Kurtzweil, and Joanne Ampe

Public Comment: None

Spencer moves and Bartkowiak seconds approval of the minutes of the April 2, 2014 meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Thomalla left the fundraising report with Belongia who noted that to date the Marshfield Area Community Foundation Fund for the Library and Community Center project holds a total of \$1,108,274.05 in cash, an in-kind donation, pledge payments and outstanding on pledge payments. We have also been informed of pending pledges of \$560,000.

Belongia noted that the National Endowment for the Humanities grant application was submitted. This \$350,000 grant has a 3:1 matching requirement with \$3 of local donations to match \$1 of NEH grant funds. At the time of submission there we had already raised 50% of the matching funds required. We have 60 months after the award to raise the matching funds. December 2014 is the award date.

Barg summed up the City Finance Committee and Common Council discussions regarding grant writing services. The Common Council would like more definition of what would be included in the grant application and the opportunity to consider several grant writing firms or individuals.

The question of the Common Council advancing financing to cover pledges in progress as the construction of the project begins is being referred to the Finance Committee for their recommendation. The vote on employing a construction manager resulted in a 5 -5 vote which was broken by the Mayor in favor of employing a construction manager when the time comes.

A request to extend the fundraising deadline to May 30, 2015 will also be made to the Finance Committee.

Keogh asks about interior design work and suggests that it be presented at a future meeting.

Doty reported that the Viva Las Vegas: Elvis Lives event netted \$6,780 for the project. Belongia reported that Nelson-Jameson, Inc. is committing to a 5 year pledge for a total of \$250,000 and will take the Children's Library naming opportunity in the name of Susan E. Nelson. The idea of a thank you card to the Nelsons with the names and/or handprints of children is being developed.

The next agenda will include information on request to the Finance Committee and Common Council to consider borrowing to cover pledges in progress, an update on a Common Council member appointment to the committee.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Seeing no other business, Doty adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Belongia