

Williamston Community Library Foundation

Minutes of Feb. 8, 2006

Attending: Brian O'Connell; Jeff Bartrem; Fran Schaffert; Julia O'Connor; Susan Graff; John Brazier

Excused: Ed Noonan

Marlene Eppley; Leo Sheets

Fran brought in a post office box application so we can get a mailing address separate from the Library address in anticipation of the move to a temporary location.

Ed is working on IRS returns for 2005 for the WCLF

New business – Brian O'Connell reports that there will be economic development money soon to be announced by Gov. Granholm. Grants will be awarded for any public use that will result in economic development for the community. The grant applications will be reviewed and money awarded basis on criteria to be announced, but likely based on the expected return to the community. The total to be awarded, \$100 million.

Jeff moved to approve the Jan 11, 2006 minutes. Brian seconded. Motion carried.

The list of potential donors that was prepared earlier needs to be consolidated and one person needs to keep track of who has been contacted and given or did not agree to give at that time.

Marlene will set future dates for Fund Raising Committee meetings. Likely that meetings will be in Wheatfield Township Hall or Williamstown Township hall.

No other report on property acquisition.

Williamstown Township has signed the JBA along with the City of Williamston. Wheatfield Township has yet to sign.

There was discussion regarding the temporary move of the library to the Community Center building. It was acknowledged that some people in the community have a misconception about how much space the library will occupy, with some believing that the library will have an entire floor. Once people see the amount of space really occupied it is unlikely that this temporary space will really be considered a long term solution.

It was suggested that we make a statement regarding the temporary move.

Jeff Bartrem moved that we agree :

“The WCLF has no objection to a move of the library to a temporary location so long as the temporary location meets all current local and state codes for health, safety and accessibility and provides space for all current programs and activities. In short, a move should be an improvement on the current location”.”

John Brazier second. Motion carries.

Fran moved to adjourn, Jeff second. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Submitted: S. Graff