

Williamston Community Library Foundation

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees April 12, 2006

1. 7:04 PM - Call to Order. Trustees present: Fran Schaffert, Susan Graff, John Brazier, Ed Noonan, Jeff Bartrem, Julia O'Connor. Absent: Brian O'Connell. Other Officers present: Treasurer Wendell Proudfoot, Vice President Dan Slider, Fundraising Committee Chair Marlene Epley. Guests: Penny Davis, City of Williamston, Kodi (marlene's dog).
2. Secretary Noonan distributed the Minutes of the Meetings of March 9 and March 28, 2006 for review. Fran Schaffert made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of March 9, 2006 as written. John Brazier seconded. Motion carried. John Brazier made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 28, 2006 as written. Julia O'Connor seconded. Motion carried.
3. Reports from community representatives.
Wheatfield Township: John Brazier reported that Wheatfield Township took the matter of the Joint Building Authority off the table and voted it down 4 to 1. The Township asked that the Foundation be afforded time to raise funds for a new Library before proceeding with a JBA. Also, while the other communities could pay for it from their general funds, Wheatfield would need a millage of 3/4 to 1 mill to pay its share. It was said that Wheatfield wanted to give the Foundation an unfettered opportunity to proceed. Williamstown Township: Ed Noonan and Jeff Bartrem reported no news. City of Williamston: Penny Davis reported no news.
4. Fundraising report: Susan Graff. The property acquisition cost is less than 10% of the Library cost, so one would hope we could raise funds to pay for the property soon. Susan intends to meet with bankers to discuss a mortgage in the event that we are unable to raise the balloon payment timely. Discussed an article for the Enterprise, and a mass mailing with a late April or early May meeting at the site.
5. Rental Property: The lower apartment (304 WGR) has been vacated. Inspection by Jeff Bartrem found trash, an abandoned couch and an open basement window. Jeff closed the window and will take care of trash removal.
6. Fundraising Committee: Marlene Epley reported 7 PM Committee meetings 4/19, 5/3, 5/17 and 5/31 at Wheatfield Twp Hall. Committee considering Millionaire Party.
7. Check Signing: Treasurer Wendell Proudfoot reported that Republic Bank was not aware of our 2 signer requirement. Bylaws need to be amended. Ed Noonan made a **MOTION** that a committee consisting of himself and Wendell Proudfoot to draft new bylaw provisions (Art 6 §2) for action at the next regular meeting. Graff seconded. Motion carried. Susan Graff made a **MOTION** that in the interim while the bylaws are being revised, the Treasurer be authorized to sign checks as a single signer. Schaffert seconded. Motion carried.
8. **MOTION** to Adjourn by Ed Noonan, seconded by Schaffert. Motion Carried. meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Noonan, Secretary