

Williamston Community Library Foundation

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees September 13, 2006

1. 7:05 PM - Call to Order. Trustees present: Susan Graff, Fran Schaffert, John Brazier, Julia O'Connor, Ed Noonan. Absent: Brian O'Connell, Jeff Bartrem. Others present: Marlene Epley, Leo Sheets.
2. **Motion** by Julia O'Connor to approve the minutes of August 9 as written. Seconded by John Brazier. Motion carried.
4. Susan Graff reported on a meeting that she and Marlene Epley had with CADL Director Sue Hill on 9/12.
5. On request by Susan Graff to amend the bylaws to express intent to own the Library, **Motion** by Ed Noonan, second by Brazier, to add the following language to Article I, Section 2 of the Bylaws: "The Foundation has the declared intent to build a new public Library for the Williamston Community and to retain ownership of that building." In order to examine the bylaws and articles for the proper placement of that language and to afford absent Trustees notice of the matter, **Motion** by Ed Noonan, seconded by John Brazier, to table the preceding motion until the next meeting of the Board of Trustees. Motion to table carried.
6. Susan Graff proposed resolving as follows: "That as the Williamston Community Library Foundation has been incorporated as a public, non-profit, corporation; it is the intention that it continues as such an entity throughout its existence." Ed Noonan noted that the Articles of Incorporation already so provide. Article II, the tenth paragraph, provides: "*Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by (i) an organization exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and other related legislation and regulations as they now exist or may hereafter be amended, or (ii) an organization, contributions to which are deductible under the Internal Revenue Code and related legislation and regulations as they now exist or may hereafter be amended.*" No motion was made.
7. Susan Graff suggested that WCLF make arrangements with an attorney to represent the Foundation. Contacts will be made.
8. Marlene Epley reported that the Fundraising Committee was successful in drawing about 50 people to the site for the Labor Day walk. She noted that the Committee had booked the Brookshire Inn for a 10/27 costume party with entertainment by Emit Omar, that the Committee is working on a 3/3/07 Murder Mystery at which they're proposing to utilize local people as actors. She noted also that the Committee is working on another fundraiser movie presentation at the Sun Theater.
9. Leo Sheets explained the details of the Texas Hold Em party at the Eagles Hall on 9/23.
10. At the next meeting of the Williamstown Township Board, Ed Noonan and/or Jeff

Bartrem plan to propose a resolution similar to the one passed by the City Council on 8/28.

11. Treasurer Proudfoot reported through Susan Graff that Julia O'Connor donated \$300, with \$75 earmarked to pay for WCLF's membership in the Chamber of Commerce and the remainder to be applied toward the principal balance at CNB.
12. Ed Noonan reported that he and Wendell Proudfoot had been completing an "Initial Charitable Trust/Charitable Solicitation Questionnaire" for submission to the Michigan Department of Attorney General. **Motion** by Ed Noonan, seconded by John Brazier, that Noonan be authorized to execute and submit that form and required documents to the State. Motion carried.
13. Susan Graff expressed her intent to prepare a solicitation letter to be mailed to selected potential donors toward the end of the year.
14. Motion by John Brazier, seconded by Julia O'Connor, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted

Ed Noonan, Secretary