

Minutes
Monona Public Library Board
Zoom Online Meeting
August 18, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Sue, Mary, Jenny, Jen, Todd, Ryan
I missed the official call to order with tech issues

Minutes Mary, Jen
Consent, Sue, Jenny

Dir Report
Karen's retirement
Mayoral award
FT position need, difficult budget year
Will post as soon as budget approved; in the meantime, Ryan will do story times

Skip Capital budget (cover later), and on to Ops budget
Discussion of Community Read
Challenges with book delivery
Jenny mentioned a difficult situation with asking for books to be returned

Amy and Ryan met with Board member Mary Anderson on social media strategies
Focusing on FB and Instagram for now

Ryan notified by city about an AC unit that has been damaged under the overhang. It may have been a group of ne're-do-wells who are known to skateboard there, but no clear evidence. Ryan is looking into better security for the space.

Capital budget:
Foundation crack estimates, but it turned out that the cause was a blocked city pipe that has been cleared with no problems since.
Retaining wall estimates (see Board packet for details). Jen commented on desire that third bid would have been for an identical solution/project. Ryan will secure a third bid.

New proposals because of good news with foundation crack:
Partnership with Parks and Rec for Story Walk (\$4 k, see packet for details). No decision on which park yet.
People/door counters replacement. We need a new system to track from above handled group counts more accurately
Three projects together will cost ~\$32,000
Will vote on this tonight. Ryan will meet with Mayor next week to discuss operating budget

Four Operating Budget proposals (-2%, -1%, 0%, 1%)—see Board packet for details
Ryan is concerned that the budget may be worse than -2%. We discussed ideas for how such a cut might be managed and what strategies we would apply to any decision-making.
We discussed how best to approach the budget request to the Mayor (and Council) this year.

We discussed cost savings as a result of COVID-caused building closing and how that might help our request for the coming year.

Jen requested the salaries and wages as a separate report with the operational budget.

Board reads, watches, etc.

Capital budget vote: Sue, Jen. Passed unanimously.

Meeting ended at 8:39.

Minutes recorded by Todd Stebbins
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