

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 14, 2019

The Perry Public Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, November 14, 2019.

Board members Mark Miller, Margaret Ruggle, Jeremy Winter and Heather Karolus were present. Library Director Mary Murphy and Deputy Director Misty VonBehren were also present.

President Mark Miller called the meeting to order.

Heather Karolus moved to approve the amended agenda with Margaret Ruggle seconding the motion. MCU.

Margaret Ruggle moved and Heather Karolus seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2019 meeting. MCU.

Gift Fund bills were presented with deposits and expenses explained. Heather Karolus moved and Margaret Ruggle seconded a motion to approve checks #5846 - #5860 in the amount of \$13,511.65 from the Gift Fund. MCU. The Board reviewed the Library line items from the FY20 City of Perry Budget.

Unfinished Business:

Building Project – We have not received the Schematic Budget. Director Murphy will inquire about the progress of the budget.

Memorials –Three art additions: the Lorraine Winger Memorial Crane sculpture, the memorial to Richard Ehlers painted wooden frame for the three large bulletin boards in the children's area, and the Perry Piecemakers Quilt Guild framed quilt squares were dedicated during Art on the Prairie 2019, Sunday, November 10 at 1:30 p.m.

The Library has two memorial art additions coming in the next year. Jeff Easley approached the library to place a large piece of art above the front window inside the library. Heather Karolus moved with Margaret Ruggle seconding a motion to accept the Jeff Easley artwork on behalf of the Perry Public Library with the understanding that the artwork be of sufficient size to balance the Pricilla Sage artwork at the southern end of the library's central axis. MCU. The other art work is from the Lillian Hand memorial. Director Murphy has been researching glass works of art similar to Chihuly glass.

New Business:

Telligen Grant – Director Murphy met with Abigail Chihak of Dallas County Public Health on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 to discuss possible programming in Perry using the Telligen grant. Several ideas were promoted including fresh fruit and vegetable recovery available at the library, a story walk, cooking classes, meal prep, collaborating with ISU extension and Outreach and HyVee Dietician, a book club focusing on health issues with the help of NNLM, the monthly presence of Iowa Work Force in Perry, HIRTA bus vouchers available so Perry residents could travel to IWF in Des Moines, and the use of a score card encouraging program attendance and fitness goals with a grand prize drawing.

Librarian's Report:

Nov 5 – Book Discussion with Perry High School classes, 8 a.m. and 1:45 p.m.

Operation Warm – Collaboration with Elks to distribute winter coats to children in need. Nov 5 and 7

Art on the Prairie – Nov 9 and 10 --- Art dedication Nov 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Library Closed for Veterans Day - November 11 for Veterans Day.

Craft Club - Tuesday, November 12, at the Carnegie Library Museum, and the craft is Thankful sign, with a registration deadline of November 1.

The library will host Dr. Dennis Goldford of the Humanities Iowa Speakers Bureau for his program, *The Election of 2020: Looking Backward, Looking Forward*, at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, November 14, in the library meeting room. Dr. Goldford is a Political Science professor at Drake University and has served as political analyst for KCCI-TV and provided political commentary for Iowa Public Radio and other media organizations. He is co-author with Hugh Winebrenner of the 3rd edition of *The Iowa Caucuses: the Making of a Media Event*.

Cooking @ the Library Winter Storytimes Begin - November 19, 20, 21

Monthly Book Club - November 19 at 1pm The selected title for discussion is *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

The library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

December 1-31 The Friends of Perry Public Library will hold a holiday sale for seasonal greeting cards and books, December 1-30, at Perry Public Library. Books will be half-price and cards will be as marked.

First through fifth graders are welcome to join Perry Public Library staff for *Legos @ the Library*, Wednesday, 12/4/19 at 3:30 p.m.

Santa's Workshop, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, December 7, for children in Kindergarten through fifth grade, with an accompanying adult, to provide an opportunity for kids to make gifts for the special people in their lives. We will visit the Carnegie Library Museum, next door, and view the Festival of Trees. We will then return to the library to make gifts, craft a tree ornament, and enjoy a snack.

Perry Public Library partnered with the Perry Elks to distribute new winter coats to children whose families qualify for free and reduced lunches at Perry Schools. Children signed up for the coats during Perry Elementary School Parent-Teacher Conferences in November. Coats may be picked up at the library from 1:00-4:00 p.m., on Saturday, December 7. Recipients will also receive a free book and have the opportunity to sign up for a free library card and learn about library programs and services.

December 9 at 6:30 p.m., Monday, December 9, the December craft is Ribbon Wreath.

December Monthly Book Club meets at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 17, The selected title is *The Girl with Seven Names* by Hyeonseo Lee.

Open Craft – Saturday, December 28, from 10:00-4:00. Everyone is invited to bring their crafts and projects to work on in our comfortable maker-space.

The Library will close at 1 p.m. on December 24 and Dec 31. The Library will be closed on Dec. 25.

Board Education: Grants, subcontracting, reporting, recording of outcomes, collaboration with Iowa Department of Public Health and Dallas County Public Health

The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 8 a.m. in the library's small meeting room. Please enter by the east door. It will be open. The public is always welcome.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Mary K. Murphy, Library Director