

Synopsis of Board Meeting

February 16, 2021
Centerville Library

CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Mr. Bowling, Present; Mr. Carr, Present; Mrs. Cline, Present; Mrs. Denison, Present; Mr. Hanseman, Present; Mrs. Herrick, Present; Mr. Nunna, Present; also in attendance were Ms. Fultz; Ms. Fingers; Margaret Robinson, Human Resources Manager; Jill Billman Royer, Burges & Burges; Caroline Rado, Burges & Burges; and members of the public.

HEARING OF PUBLIC – None

PRESENTATION– Ms. Billman Royer, from Burges & Burges, presented findings from the survey conducted in mid January. 400 voters in Centerville and Washington Township were surveyed, with a sampling error of less than 5%, and asked a wide range of questions about the community, the library, demographics, and levy support. Key findings from the survey of these voters were:

- Satisfied with the Centerville-Washington Twp community
- More than 1 in 5 have seen their finances worsen since COVID
- 2/3 have a library card
- 1/3 regularly visit the library
- Mixed response to the importance of the library during COVID
- Really liked the library's selection and availability of materials, quality facilities and programs
- Most thought the library positively contributes to the quality of life in the community by supporting students and job seekers, as well as providing materials and programs
- Respondents were not moved by detailed financial explanations and information about the library's response to the pandemic
- More voters responded positively towards a renewal vs. a renewal +.2 mill of the levy
- Those who hold a library card are the most satisfied with the community and the library, and are more likely to vote for a levy
- Household finances affected how respondents would vote for a levy
- Certain age ranges were more likely to vote for a levy than others

The Board then asked Ms. Billman Royer a few questions. Members also thanked her and Burges & Burges for an excellent presentation with concise and useful data.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Ms. Fultz reported on the following:

- Facilities:
 - Centerville Library
 - Parking lot project
 - Meeting next week with Eddie & Double Jay on trash can and bench placement
 - Woodbourne Library
 - Artist, Terry Welker – metal flowers for containers. Ms. Fultz presented a picture. The flowers will be the colors of the awning and will be firmly in place

▪ **PERSONNEL**

Board meeting minutes are available for public inspection during library administrative office hours.

Offers extended for 2 part-time Adult Services Aides (one filled internally) and a Fiscal Assistant

▪ **COLLECTIONS/SERVICES/PROGRAMS**

- Children's music CDs discontinued – circulation was low and allowed for better display of Read-Alongs
- Climate Awareness Project Exhibition at Woodbourne – March 1 – 30, the exhibit will showcase 10-12 different artist interpretations of climate challenges facing our planet.

▪ **OTHER**

- Began allowing for a few chairs at the tables and lifted one-hour limit on public computers
- Evening hours resume the week of March 1 – back to 10:00-9:00 Mon-Thurs at Centerville, and 10:00-9:00 Mon-Fri at Woodbourne; reviewed Friday evening hours and could not justify recommending a change
- Staff will come off SharedWork Ohio with this increase in hours
- Only two staff remaining to be recalled
- Legislative Advocacy Week – rather than Legislative Day, will be 4/5 – 4/9 to coincide with National Library Week
- Friends sales – 2/21 Children's books & 2/28 Movies & Music
- Received \$100 donation from someone in Pennsylvania who was appreciative of the digital escape rooms
- New CWPD Director announced – Kristen Marks, current Program Manager

CONSENT AGENDA – – Resolution No. 021-002 – Consent Agenda. Ms. Fingers reported on the following: Ohio Department of Taxation posted the February PLF is 19.4% higher than ODT's estimate in July of 2020. State revenues continue their trend of exceeding projections.

The Board adopted Resolution No. 021-002, a consent agenda approving the following action items:

- Approval of January 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- January Financial Statement, Notes to the January Financial Statement and Investment Report
- Payment of February Expenditures
- Personnel Items
- Legal Ad for 2020 Annual Financial Statement

The roll call vote resulted as follows: Mr. Bowling, Yes; Mr. Carr, Yes, but abstain on payments to Centerville Landscaping, Korrekt Plumbing, Rieck Mechanical, and the New York Times; Mrs. Cline, Yes; Mrs. Denison, Yes; Mr. Hanseman, Yes; Mrs. Herrick, Yes; Mr. Nunna, Yes.

NEW / OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Fingers asked that the CV Parking lot retainage checking account be closed since it has a 0 balance and is no longer needed.

The Board unanimously approved a motion to close the Centerville Parking lot retainage account.

Ms. Fingers reminded everyone that amended HB 404 that allowed for virtual meetings has June's meeting as the last meeting we can currently hold virtually since the extended deadline is July 1, 2021.

Questions were posed on the new library app which is still in testing phase and how are patrons handling wearing masks.

Discussion also took place on the upcoming potential levy, long range projections and the timeline involved. The Board asked for more information on impact to services with different millage options.

OTHER – Mr. Nunna moved for adjournment at 8:21 pm.

M. Fingers