

January 18, 2021 5:30 PM

Chairperson Gina Carroll called the meeting to order with Karen Seward, Emily Gares, Lisa Russel, Laura Mulvaney, Joanne Woodall, Jeanne Cheek, and Steve Tonsor present.

Steve Tonsor read the minutes of the November 30th meeting. Minutes were approved as presented after a motion by Joanne Woodall and second by Jeanne Cheek.

Treasurer, Emily Gares, was unable to share the financial report as information was unavailable from City Hall.

In new business, Karen Seward stated that no financial information had been retrieved from City Hall since September 2020. Repeated contact with City personnel and a recent conversation with the Mayor had proven futile in this matter. After discussion of possible responses by the board, Mrs. Carroll volunteered to e-mail the mayor and Chris Ellison with the board's concerns.

The State Fire Marshal's office on January 4 drafted a letter to the Monroe City Public Library. Said letter indicated an annual operating certificate fee was overdue. Mrs. Seward contacted the Department of Public Safety concerning the fee and next inspection due November 6, 2021.

Mrs. Seward shared materials from the upcoming Tails & Tales summer reading program and invited promotional ideas for the library. Laura Mulvaney suggested the Facebook presence might not reach all demographics as teens embrace Twitter. Other thoughts included flyers in private schools and accessing the Smores or Monroe City Public School's Website for future promotion. An application for one of 40 Rural Community Grants for \$3,000 each could be considered, but are very labor intensive according to Mrs. Seward. John A. and Linda Hays donated \$400 for use in future programs.

Regarding daily operation, Mrs. Seward reported the following activities:

In November 246 E books were accessed. Despite closure from November 16-28, 78 patrons checked 167 books, used Wifi twice, and accessed computers 18 times. In December of 2020, 217 E books were enjoyed. 93 patrons checked 207 books, used Wifi 6 times, and computers and puzzles were used 3 times each. As of January 18 148 E books have been accessed this month. Unfortunately computers were shutdown this month in response to patrons exceeding time limits.

In new business, the board agreed with reopening access to computers with limits. In response to new minimum wage laws, Gina Carroll motioned that effective January 18, 2021 the following pay scale be adopted: Nancy Gill and Kay Elliott \$10.55 hourly, Linda Hays \$10.30 hourly. Joanne Woodall seconded, and board approved. Board approved Cathy Mudd's reappointment to the board.

Next meeting set at March 15, 2021 and meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Tonsor