

Albion District Library Board of Trustees
Elsie Munro Room, Albion District Library
15 June, 2017

Present: Arndts, Behling, Brown, Gilg, Grant, Seidl.
Excused: Roberts

The meeting was called to order by President Arndts at 6:02.

1. Motion to approve agenda as amended by Seidl, second by Brown. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

2. Motion to approve consent agenda by Behling, second by Gilg. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

3. Motion to approve financial statement by Behling, second by Brown. Roll call vote: Motion carried 6 – 0 with one excused.
4. The FY Audit will be available at the July meeting due to concerns about the ADL Trust and when/if it was established. Board minutes refer to a trust as far back as 1989. Director will continue to track all references to the trust. As of this date she has spent about 25 – 30 hours researching the history of the trust.
5. Michigan Community Foundation Act (PA 28) has been signed by Governor Snyder and will take effect August, 2017. This law will allow libraries to place monies into local community foundations for investments beyond those currently allowed by PA 20. Director will invite Tim Krause, Albion Community Foundation Director to speak about this at our August meeting.
6. Facilities Committee says there is no regular budget allotment to allow for large physical repairs or improvements to the library. Currently there is a “laundry list” of things that need attention, but there is no money set aside for them. The most urgent need is the HVAC in the Children’s Room. It regularly struggles to maintain temperature or breaks in both summer and winter, resulting in unsafe temperatures for patrons and staff, and often leading to closing the Children’s Room until it can be repaired.
7. The personnel committee will meet with the director on Thursday, June 29 at 5 p.m.
8. Currently the director is looking for a new integrated library system. Our current system is fairly old and shared with Albion College. At the end of this year, Albion College will no longer be using this system, but will be switching to a cloud-based system. There are several options out there designed for small public libraries. Director will be working with department and service managers to evaluate options.

Director update

9. The Michigan Library Association (MLA) is looking into securing health care for libraries through a group plan. There is no other information available at this time.

Board Comment

1. No comment from board members
2. Motion by Seidl, 2nd by Behling to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Next meeting July 20, 2017, 6:00p.m.