

Library Committee

Minutes

March 5, 2008

Present: Grant, Hobart, James, Manning, Mossel, Randle, Rose, Rothstein, Ryan, Rorabaugh, Sobers, Gifford, and Fields

Absent: None

Chair Luanne Rothstein called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 a.m. at City Hall. Susan Grant moved supported by Dale Hobart to approve the minutes of February 27, 2008. Motion carried.

Chair Luanne Rothstein asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience. There were none. She then asked the committee for comments on the structural study.

Mary Ryan believed we should have received more for our money. She would have liked to have a visual drawing. Jeff Mossel commented that the committee wanted to know if the building was structurally sound. The committee was told it was but that the building needed to be brought up to code. Steve Sobers informed the committee that he had already asked the architectural firm to inform us how much money was needed to make the present building from 40 psf to 150 psf. We should have that dollar amount shortly.

Many other comments followed about wanting more information, drawings, more information needed, should not waste money on things we do not need, but we do need a library assessment.

Sub-committees were formed. Dale, Mary, Marlies, and Gaylynn are members of the visiting libraries committee. Once dates are set up-everyone will be invited if they wish to join the sub-committee.

It was decided that the studies and funding should go hand in hand. A finance sub-committee was formed with Carleen, Lorraine, Jeff, and Lynne.

The third sub-committee is the architectural assessment committee. What do we actually need in our library? The committee members are Dale, Luanne, Barbara and Steve.

Carlleen Rose asked that we have more media coverage. Post meeting dates etc in City Hall. She volunteered to make a “progress board” to put in City Hall to keep the public informed.

Dale Hobart asked Steve Sobers to make a list of city owned property that might be used for a library. Lorraine James also asked that he include on his list other properties inside the corporate City Limits that might have the possibility of renovation. Mark Gifford was asked to make a list of other possible uses of the current library building if it was not a library.

Gaylynn clarified that the City Library is not a research library. Our library is not suppose to mirror Ferris’s library. Our purposes are different. Luanne asked Gaylynn to put something together explaining the differences at our next meeting.

Then one last sub-committee was born. This is to be the media sub-committee consisting of Susan, Candy Allen, Carlleen, and Mark Gifford.

At the end of the meeting a few comments were made from the audience – Brian (City) would like to allow only supporting townships to be able to use our library. Poni (City) does not believe we need more technology because one can go to the Ferris Library and use the computer all day. Kim (City) commented that the residences couldn’t afford 4.5 million dollars or a 30,000 sq foot library.

Some funding ideas were again brought up about naming rooms or having a tree display with leafs with donor’s names.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.