



Jonathan Trumbull Library

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Jonathan Trumbull Library Board of Trustees

Special Meeting

January 30, 2014

6:00 P.M.

Town Hall Conference Room

Present: Cathe McCall, Diane McCall, Judith Vertefeuille, Kathy Chesmer, Michelle Kersey, Berkley Nowosad, Alicia Wayland, Julie Culp, Maureen McCall and Cindy Mello

The meeting was called to discuss and act upon revisions to the funds request from the Hugh Trumbull Adams Estate/Trust to include architectural services for library building schematic designs, and to obtain a marketing specialist. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by the chairman, Cathe McCall.

Cathe gave us background. Our original request had included funds for adult and children's materials, electronic resources, e-books and money for programming. On top of that, we had also asked for a substantial amount in hopes that we could defray the projected cost of the renovation of the entire library. On January 24th, Cathe and Joyce Okonuk participated in a conference call with the Trustees of the estate. They were informed of the amount in the trust and that it is a set up as Perpetual. The Trustees had the following concerns about the plans:

1. Have we planned for future technology and what it means to the library?
2. Have we looked into private funding? If others were involved locally, there would be more buy-in to the project.
3. Can we cut back on the size and therefore cost of the project?

On the positive side, they were very supportive of the project. Some have visited the library and feel that there is crowding and updating needs to be done.

Lengthy discussion followed. There was realization that we can't ask for money for something that we don't have and we don't have a go-ahead plan or a building fund. Joyce had said that she would apply for a Small Town Economic Development Grant that might net us upwards to \$500,000. We discussed the state grant of \$1,000,000 and what the ramifications would be to that depending on how much the project is scaled back.

Motion (Alicia Wayland/Diane McCall) to resubmit our request to the trust to include \$35,000 for the architect to rework the design, for an additional \$10,000 to be used to receive aid from a professional fundraiser, and for the original materials request as follows:

- Adult Materials \$30,000
- Children's Materials \$20,000
- Electronic Resources \$10,000
- E-Books \$10,000
- Programming \$10,000

That brings the total to \$125,000. The motion carried with none opposed.

Motion to adjourn (M. Kersey/A. Wayland) at 6:47. The motion carried with none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen D. McCall, Secretary