March 14, 2017

Hudson Area Public Library District

104 W. Pearl St. Hudson, IL 61748

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Plattner. Members present were Dianne Feasley, Bonny Ficek, Ronda Hess, and Beth Kreps. HAPLD director, Suzanne Drucker was also present. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as read, so moved by Feasley and seconded by Kreps. The order of the agenda was changed to facilitate the roof discussion.

Old Business

Brian Chase, Normal Public Library, came to talk about their experience with the roofing process. He shared their timeline and some costs associated with the project. He also recommended a specialty firm to aid in the process. The ensuing discussion pertaining to the roofing project was educational.

New Business

The Normal Public Library is pursuing a partnership with Unit 5 to provide access to every student to the same databases as in the classroom. Mr. Chase spoke of how this will optimize the use of resources for Unit 5 and NPL. The goal is to issue a library card to every student before they reach high school. Carlock, Towarda and Hudson schools are slated for integration to the NPL.

Discussion was held about the copier/fax/scanner issues the library has been having. Drucker has researched a different company to contract our copier/fax/scanner with. Ficek moved to change the copier/fax/scanner lease to Advanced Digital Solutions. Kreps seconded.

Drucker reported on the painting project in the community room. DJ's will do the painting. The wall above the counter top will be painted with a magnetic paint. The ceiling will not be painted at this time.

Setting a meeting date for the working budget has been tabled until next month.

Library Director's Report

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Drucker reviewed the Library Director's report to the board. Monthly activities and statistics were presented. She reported there had been an issue with the furnace. Also there was some roof damage from the recent wind storm. The RSA users group now has an option to accept credit card payments on line at no cost to HAPLD. They would issue a reimbursement check quarterly. RSA fees are projected to go up 4%. This is a fairly reasonable increase considering the services they provide. HAPLD received several donations in memory of Don Miller. The memorial plaque will be updated. Drucker also recapped the youth services report. Rhonda has been very busy with programs.

Secretary's Report

Hess reminded board members their portion of the statement of economic interest, to be completed on-line, is due April 30, 2016.

Treasurer's Report

The monthly expenses were reviewed and discussed.

President's Report

No Report

The next meeting will be April 11, 2017 at 6:30. Feasley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Motion was seconded by Kreps.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Hess

Approved at amended Londattett April 11, 2017