

**Ellsworth Public Library Building/Space Committee Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2020**

Present: Paul Bauer, Tiffany Meyer, Curt Wandmacher, Linda Johnson, Pam Enger, Darcy Behringer, Roger Nelson, Sharon Schulze, Tony Birkel

Also attending: Jodi Nelson, Ayres & Associates

Guests:Patty Murphy, Cindy Baird, Mike Perry, Dale Auckland, James Waldvogel

The meeting of the Ellsworth Public Library Building/Space Committee was called to order by Chair Paul Bauer at 6:30 PM on February 10, 2020.

Quorum was established; meeting in compliance with open meeting law.

Appointment of Note Taker: Sharon Schulze

Minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting were approved with one correction: "up to \$2,231,022.00."

Current Business:

Curt Wandmacher and Paul Bauer updated the committee on the LMI (Low to Moderate Income) survey recently initiated. Joe Folsom has reported that following re-canvassing of the Grant and Cairns St. addresses by both students and E3 persons, 50+ addresses still need to be followed up on to reach the goal response of 97 households. Per Curt, those not responding are automatically determined to be above LMI. The results of this survey are important in whether Ellsworth and the library project will qualify for specific grant funding including one block grant that is due in May.

New Business:

-Approval was given for Ayres invoice 184750 for an itemized amount of \$8961.33

-Approval was given to form an Executive Committee consisting of Tiffany, Paul, Curt, John Thompson, Judy Perkins, and 1 library staff member yet to be determined.

-Architect Jodi Nelson presented the latest concept designs for both interior and exterior of building.

-Site assessment grant application has been completed.

-Fund raising chair Tony Birkel shared the education documents that have been prepared as well as the pledge forms that will be used in the capital campaign. Consensus was that there will be no minimal amount if donor wishes to extend pledged gift to 3 year payments. A discussion followed to determine gifts required for naming rights of dedicated library spaces as follows:

Large Meeting Room- \$100,000

Lobby Area- \$20,000

Children's Area- \$20,000

Storytime Area- \$20,000

Maker's Space- \$20,000

Adult Collection- \$30,000

Young Adult Space- \$20,000

Quiet Reading Area- \$15,000

Conference Room- \$15,000

Coffee Area- \$15,000

Audio/DVD Area- \$10,000

Study Room- \$10,000

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Donor Wall- \$5,000

Patio Area- \$75,000

-Extensive discussion was held regarding the recent notification from BMO Bank that they will be vacating their Ellsworth location in April, 2020. The BMO site had been seriously considered by this committee earlier in the process and proposed to the Ellsworth Village Board.

Motion was made by Roger, seconded by Linda to table further action by Ayres & Associates on remodeling and expansion of the current library building until further discussion can be held with the Ellsworth Village Board (after the April 2020 election) on whether to pursue the BMO Bank building option.

Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: March 9, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Agenda to include a comparison of the pros and cons of each site- current library building and BMO Bank building