

Ellsworth Public Library Building/Space Committee Meeting Minutes March 9, 2020

Present: Paul Bauer, Linda Johnson, Pam Enger, Sharon Schulze, Tony Birkel, Jeanette Wright, Tiffany Meyer, Caroline Herfindahl

Also attending: John Thompson

The meeting of the Ellsworth Public Library Building/Space committee was called to order by Chair Paul Bauer at 6:30 PM.

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

Appointment of note taker: Sharon Schulze

Agenda approved as published.

Minutes of the February 10, 2020 meeting were approved.

Current Business:

Tiffany presented an update on the LMI (Low to Moderate Income) Survey currently being conducted within the village. Several members of the Friends of the EPL with assistance from E3 personnel canvassed targeted addresses this past Thursday evening in an attempt to obtain the needed survey responses. 24 households completed the survey that evening and several surveys/return envelopes were left at addresses where no one was home. Approximately 14 additional surveys are still needed to meet the 97 required.

Tony Birkel shared information about the status of fundraising. An excellent 3 page packet of information has been prepared, with the help of the library staff, to use with prospective donors. Tony has made initial contact with a number of individuals and businesses regarding possible gifting to the library building project.

New Business:

M/S/P to approve Ayres Associates invoice #185236 for \$9,997.19.

The committee talked through the pros and cons of expanding the current library location vs possible remodel of the BMO Bank building. The Building/Space committee will ask the Library Board to request inclusion on the agenda for the Ellsworth Village Board meeting scheduled for May 4 at 7 PM.

Next meeting: April 13, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Agenda item: Final review of presentation to Ellsworth Village Board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.