

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 12, 2020

The Perry Public Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, March 12, 2020.

Board members Mark Miller, Margaret Ruggle, Heather Karolus, and Rosa Gonzalez were present. Perry Public Library Foundation President Barry Bengtson, Library Director Mary Murphy, Deputy Director Misty VonBehren, ETHOS Architect Dana Pedersen along with two associates, Interior Designer Rebecca Cantrall and Production Manager Heather Hoffman were also present.

President Mark Miller called the meeting to order.

Agenda – Heather Karolus moved to approve the agenda with Margaret Ruggle seconding the motion. MCU.

Minutes – Margaret Ruggle moved and Heather Karolus seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2020 meeting. MCU.

Gift Fund bills were presented with deposits and expenses explained. Heather Karolus moved and Rosa Gonzalez seconded a motion to approve checks #5911 - #5925 in the amount of \$9,026.20 from the Gift Fund. MCU. The Board reviewed the Library line items from the FY20 City of Perry Budget.

Unfinished Business:

Building Project –Architect Dana Pedersen of ETHOS Design Group, Inc. introduced the team working on the 2020 Library Building Renovation Project: Interior Designer Rebecca Cantrall and Production Manager Heather Hoffman. Her presentation outlined the role that ETHOS will play in the design and construction of the project, overseeing the preparation of the project specifications and bidding process. The timeline of the project was also outlined given that the funding is in place. Heather Karolus moved that providing the Perry Public Library Foundation funds the project, the board supports signing the contract with ETHOS. Margaret Ruggle seconded the motion. MCU.

Health Initiatives – Director Murphy reported on the progress on the grant programming. Please see attached report and invoice that was sent to Dallas County Public Health for expenses incurred.

New Business: None

Librarian's Report:

The coronavirus and its potential threat were discussed. Many examples of Pandemic Policies were reviewed. Library Director Murphy and Deputy Library Director VonBehren will be attending the City of Perry Safety Committee meeting today to discuss logical steps to take as a response to the threat of the virus.

Statistics – given in board packet.

March Madness has hit Perry Public Library with "Broccoli Brackets", a free program offered this March, as part of the 2020 Health Initiative Grant programming at the library, in partnership with Dallas County Public Health and Dallas County Hospital. To promote healthy eating habits, the library is sponsoring a Broccoli Brackets contest for broccoli recipes submitted by you - and judged by you (the public) - at a taste-testing

event, at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 26, in the library meeting room. Everyone is invited to participate and submit a recipe with broccoli as the main ingredient to the library between March 1 and March 23.

First through Fifth graders were invited to join Perry Public Library staff for Legos @ the Library, on Wednesday, March 4, at 3:30 p.m., in the Perry Public Library meeting room. The first half-hour of the program is an activity with a theme, and the remainder of the time will be free play. No registration is needed to participate. For more information, call Suzanne Kestel at the library: 515-465-3569

On Thursday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m., Perry Public Library will present a program on Food Recovery. Dallas County Public Health's Abigail Chihak, Eat Greater Des Moines's Steven Williams, and Perry Public Library Director Mary Murphy will speak about Food Recovery, also called food rescue or food salvage, the practice of gleaning edible food, otherwise wasted, from restaurants, grocery stores, produce markets, dining facilities, etc., and distributing it to local emergency food programs. The library is developing a health initiatives pilot program with the Iowa and Dallas County Public Health Departments, and the food recovery program at the library will include housing a refrigerator on premises to stock with recovered food, free and available to Perry area residents. The library will focus on fresh fruits and vegetables for their food recovery program. On March 5, we will have a taste-testing, a contest, and samples for everyone to take home at this free program. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The March Craft Club met at 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 9, at Perry Public Library. The March project was a Sock *Gnome*. All materials were provided for participants, but registration and a \$5 materials deposit (you get back at the event) are required. It is recommended you bring a scissors. Please register by March 2. All interested adults are invited to participate.

A free Medicare Basics Seminar with Aaron Thacker is offered on Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., at Perry Public Library. Anyone interested in learning more about Medicare benefits is welcome to attend. Please register for the session by calling the library: 515-465-3569.

Spring Break Programs at Perry Public Library – March 16-19

Enjoy a Spring Break staycation and attend free children's programs at Perry Public Library! Offerings include:

- Simply Electrifying (K-5th Grade) with the Science Center of Iowa, at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 17;
- Bunny Party for 2-5 year olds, at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 18;
- Healthy Kids Snacks with Dallas County Hospital Dietitian at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 19 (registration required!), and
- Family Movie: Tale of Despereaux, 10:00 a.m., Friday, March 20 (Rated G, 94 minutes long).

The Perry Public Library Monthly Book Club will hold their March 2020 meeting at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, in the Clarion Room, Security Bank Building, 1102 Willis Avenue, and the discussion title is *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruis Zafon.

Open Crafting - The Perry Public Library large meeting room will be open as a work area for interested crafters, Saturday, March 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bring your own materials, and work on your projects in our comfortable maker-space!

Join us for the March Lifelong Learners Coffee, Monday, March 30, at 9:00 a.m., in the library meeting room. We welcome guest hobby painter Karon Lewis, who will talk about Mastering the Art of Art and share her knowledge and experience of oil and acrylic painting with us. We will learn about preparing a

medium or canvas, necessary equipment, and the process of sketching a concept. Karen will share some of her artwork and offer guidance on how to get started with our own painting projects.

Health Initiatives Grant Programming with ISU Extension & Outreach – Mary Krisco

APRIL 22 - Earth Day – Composting

Pete Malmburg

JUNE 9 / DESIGN YOUR OWN DIET!

Learn the key points of designing a healthy diet for yourself and your family, using USDA MyPlate tools. Participants receive easy recipes, menu plans, apps, and grocery lists. Powerpoint and discussion menu planning activity.

Intended audience: Adults of any age, youth 14 and up.

JUNE 23, Pancakes with Fruit

JULY 14, Grain Bowl

JULY 28, Pizza

IS IT WHOLE GRAIN?

This is a good question to ask as you make food choices. Learn how to identify whole grain foods and ways to add them to your meals. Discover the three steps to three servings of whole grains a day and make three whole grain dishes with fruits and vegetables: pancakes with fruit topping, veggie-quinoa bowl, veggie flatbread pizza.

Intended audience: Adults of any age

Format: Three 2-hour workshops. (They are much more fun than the series title implies.) Participant makes and samples a whole grain dish. Participate in a power point and discussion. Then set goals concerning whole grain intake.

SEPTEMBER 8, 15, 22, 29 / LATINOS LIVING WELL

¡Bienvenidos! You are invited to learn how to improve your health and stay fit to reduce diabetes, heart disease, and obesity. Discover the foods that keep your body healthy, make and taste foods in class, learn how to shop smarter, and practice ways to be more physically active. You can do it! Make changes today for a healthier tomorrow!

Intended audience: Latino adults of any age

Format: Four 2-hour workshops, can be presented in Spanish or English

OCTOBER 13, 20, 27 / HEALTHY AND HOMEMADE

It is possible to save time and money and still prepare meals at home that are healthy, tasty, and rich in fruits and vegetables. Whether you cook for one or for a few, you will learn and practice strategies for using time, money, and skills wisely when you eat at home.

- Cook Now, Enjoy Later

Discover how planning ahead can reduce stress and save money as you provide your family with nutritious, home-cooked meals.

- Cooking for One or Two

Learn strategies to make the most out of cooking for a household of one or two.

- Veg Out!

Examine the benefits of vegetables, sample recipe ideas, and learn how to increase fruit and veggies in your diet.

Intended audience: Adults of any age

Format: Three 2-hour workshops; 5 topics available. All classes involve power point, discussion, activities.

NOVEMBER 10 / KIDS AND THEIR PARENTS TALKING ABOUT FOOD
Food as a positive not negative.

Board Education: Policy Responses to Pandemics

The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 8 a.m. in the library's small meeting room. Please enter by the east door. It will be open. The public is always welcome.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Mary K. Murphy, Library Director