

MINUTES

Waverly Public Library Fundraising Committee

August 16, 2023

Deanna McCue called the Fundraising Committee to order at 4:37 p.m., Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at the Waverly Public Library.

Present: Diana Blake, Blake Conover, Kim Folkers, Jim Janssen, Deanna McCue, Elaine Main, Stephen Main, Fred Ribich.

Absent: Dani Gordon, Ross Helgevoid, Sarah Meyer, Bethany Nelson.

Agenda: The agenda was approved (S. Main moved/Blake seconded).

Minutes: The July 19, 2023 minutes were approved (Folkers/Janssen).

Building and grounds committee update: McCue explained the July 25 updated Enhancement Project Budget, highlighting where Studio Melee changed cost estimates. Many changes reflect increased labor costs. She pointed out how the building and grounds committee responded to the increases. Ideas were shared about the cost of relocating library services during construction. McCue reported the CAT (Community Attraction and Tourism) grant was submitted August 14, requesting \$475,000 (16 percent of project cost). The project calendar was reviewed: public notice requesting bids September 19; pre-bid meeting and walk-through with potential bidders September 26; bids opened October 10; request city council approval of selected bidder October 23; start construction October 30; construction ends May 31, 2024.

Revised goal: Current cost of the project is now \$2.9 million. Consensus was that the new cost estimates do not need to be announced now.

City and county funding: City council will be asked on August 21 to approve the Story Tree contract with Frank Hunter, Ironklad. Bremer County funding (\$25,200) is contingent on receiving a CAT grant.

Grant subcommittee: Four grant agencies made no changes to an article announcing their grants, and it was just submitted to Waverly Newspapers and Waterloo Courier with photos from the summer programming. S.Main will inform the Black Hawk Gaming Commission about the increased project cost estimates. Winnebago philanthropic goals do not match the library project. Farmers State Bank has not yet responded to a funding request. It is hoped that the CAT evaluators will ask the library to present its project in person.

Grassroots/communications subcommittee: Next week the committee will meet to plan how to move the grassroots total from \$100,000 toward its \$200,000 goal.

Leadership gifts subcommittee: Ribich had good discussions with Jeff Plagge and Art Hessburg and had two responses to his Tier 2 contacts.

Operations subcommittee: No report.

Next meeting: 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned (Blake/Ribich) at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Main, Secretary