

Caney Kansas Library Board - Special Session - Thursday April 7th, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Library Board President Debbie Wood at 7:00 p.m. Others in attendance include Teresa McClure, Deb Heady, Josh Sanders, Brandy Jester, Librarians Chris Bannon, Jennifer Rosson, Pam Vanschijndel, Can-Kan Dreambuilder's Joan Gordon, Joyce McDaniel, Donna Ritter, Sandra Freidline, and Marilyn Nelson.

Open House: A date and time frame needs to be set. Four dates are available: April 23rd, April 30th, May 7th, & May 14th. Joan would like 2 hours dedicated for this ceremony to fit all items on the itinerary. (Open discussion of events for all members and possible events in the area to set the open house date) Summer Reading begins in the middle of May and the librarians will be extremely busy during this time. The Library will be closed for Memorial Day, as it is every year. The librarians have already made plans in advance and will be out of town on that weekend. These dates have been chosen to give enough notice to send invitations to all who have donated \$1000 or more to the memorial wall, and to work around everyone's schedules that have spent their time and efforts to make sure that this new library was built. Debbie Wood made a motion to accept May 14th as the day to hold the ceremony for the open house with times from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Deb Heady 2nd the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Joan Gordon has requested an "original" copy of the complaint letter written to the board, by Pam Vanschijndel, concerning the out of the blue bid proposal from *Trees of Life* to Joyce McDaniel on March 11, 2016. A copy was printed and given to her. She argued that the "original" was a hand written letter, which in fact the "original" was an e-mail. More argument ensued afterward about how namely both Debbie Wood and Josh Sanders lied about, belittled, and downgraded Joyce McDaniel by publicly reading this letter during our last board meeting. Deb Heady stood up and stated that all of this diminished behavior, on all parts, with all parties, need to come to an end. We are all here as friends, to support each other, to support the library, and to support the community as a whole. Sandra Freidline said that the letter was not written to the board in that manner, and it should not be taken that way. We all agreed to put this incident behind us and move on with plans of completing the memorial wall the way it was intended to be.

The memorial wall committee on from Can-Kan consists of Joyce McDaniel, Sharon Strickland, and Deb Heady. Deb Heady believed that the plans for the memorial wall were finalized, & were only awaiting the complete orders of supplies for construction, assembly, and installation. No other member of the committee was out trying to get quotes and bids from other companies, since all of the details had already been arranged with a specific local artist. Due to this delay in ordering time, some of the items on the supply list have increased in price, & in turn has caused the artist to increase her bid. The bid has only elevated by about \$600, but is still clearly the best choice to suit the needs for our memorial wall.

The Grant extension will close on June 1st, 2016. Until that time the library will not be able to do any work to anything on the original grant proposal which includes the parking lot, flag pole, painting, or any improvements that is not done as volunteer or free work, etc. If any work commences on those specific items, not only is the library itself liable for citations and fines, but also is every individual member of the library board. It is agreed that we will continue construction and improvements after June 1st, 2016.

Debbie Wood made a motion to adjourn. Josh 2nd the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting will be April 26th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.