

**Vestal Public Library**  
**Budget Work Session Meeting of the Board of Trustees - April 9, 2019**

Present:

Shoba Agneshwar  
Fred Brooks  
Joe Herringshaw  
Kerrie Fisher - absent  
Dannielle Swart  
Janine Taft - absent  
Marianne Taylor  
Peter Ziolkowski

Library Director: Carol Boyce  
Treasurer: Suzanne Johnson

Library Staff present: Michelle Knight, Melanie Niermeyer

The special meeting to discuss the proposed 2020 Budget was called to order at 6:35pm by DS.

**Board President:**

**Using VPL as an early voting site:** There was discussion pros/cons about using the VPL as an early voting site (the BOE needs to know by April 17<sup>th</sup>). The large room is already booked by 3 organizations. Two of the organizations are fine with alternate dates but the third group had an issue with having to move their meeting location. The VPL Youth Services also has Halloween programs in the works and would rather not be required to be displaced. A vote was called for by DS for a show of hands on allowing the BOE to use VPL as an early voting site:

3 Ayes and 3 Nays - Since the vote was a tie, this will be tabled until (4/16) the next board meeting

**Budget Work Session:**

The Director presented the proposed 2020 Fiscal budget of \$733,717 budget. This is 2.15% total increase from Fiscal 2019 budget total of \$718,245. The Director went through the revenue as well as the expense budget.

Discussion items that were brought up:

- eliminating the juvenile dep't fines
- Hosting fundraiser(s) to raise revenue
- Need to show the 2020 Tax Levy with the Tax Change for a home with \$100,000 AV calculation

Changes in the following areas were agreed to in the Proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2020:

Reduce Total Book fines from \$6,000 to \$3,000

Increase Gift and Donations – Other from \$0 to \$3,500

Increase IT Consultations from \$500 to \$750

Increase legal from \$1,000 to \$1,250

The Director was asked to make the necessary adjustments and bring a new budget with the proposed changes to the board meeting next week.

JH made a motion to adjourn at 8:07pm. MT seconded the motion; motion carried.