

Limestone Township Library District
LTLD Annexation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 12, 2024

In attendance: Tricia Coffman, Mary Beth Dorsey, Gary Dahn, Dana Krippel, Jill Whalen, Director Lynne Noffke

Absent: Libby Wasser, Darcy Stomberg

1. Call to Order at 6:33 PM
2. Public Comment—none
3. New Business
 - a. Creation of committee
 - b. Introduction of committee members—All board members
 - c. Overview and plan of action
 - i. Why annex? Mission
 1. Avoid tax referendum
 2. Expand services
 - a. Check out books, DVD's, audio books, large print
 - b. E resources
 - c. Programs for the community
 - d. Use at other libraries
 - e. Prairie Cat—Delivery 5 days/week
 - f. Lender and borrower
 - g. Cards for Kids
 - h. Outreach
 - i. Meeting room use

j. FOL group

ii. Word of Mouth

1. Small but mighty!
2. We have a lot of older farm people who do not use or want to pay for a library. Successful farmer needs info from somewhere.
3. Community benefits
4. Fan Club
5. Outreach/volunteers
6. Share

iii. How much will taxes go up?

1. Would we calculate the increase in taxes for LT/newly annexed areas? .1753 (tax rate final)
=\$0.175 per \$100
2. School taxes
3. People don't want to spend money that's imposed
4. Library is a luxury/privilege.

iv. Goals

1. Branch/Satellite library in Herscher
2. Build up, not out (HHS Library)
 - a. Central Clifton Public/School Library
 - i. How did they get this started?
 - ii. Hours 8am-8pm
3. After annexation, "their" residents on LTLD Board and part of FOL
4. Add history of LTLD to website
5. Update flyer/brochure & get it into the community
6. Plan of Action

7. Proactive not reactive

v. What's next?

1. Need whole Board

2. Who will we be speaking to?

a. Advocacy

b. Marketing

c. Building a base

3. Update flyer/brochure

4. Brainstorm how to get information out there

5. Contact other libraries that have annexed to ask what has worked well and what has not worked

6. Annexation only or annexation and referendum at the same time?

7. Need to make decision by September or October for ballot deadline timeline

d. Next meeting date—further discussed at June 20 regular board meeting

4. Adjournment motion made by Gary; second by Mary Beth; all in favor at 8:11 PM