

Minutes of the January 14, 2017

Effingham Public Library

Board Retreat

Board members present: Arndt, Gravenhorst, Greider, Harden, Topel, Witges

Library Staff Present: Director Amanda McKay

Presiding officer: None

Introductions: Each board member introduced themselves along with some background about what brought them to Effingham and to the library board.

Review and work through the Libraries Transforming Communities model: Director McKay led the group through the Libraries Transforming Communities materials. The group also developed the first action item for the new plan:

People want to feel welcome, but they're concerned that can be difficult when you are in a small community. They believe we need to focus on a Welcome Committee/Project and if the Chamber and local realtors played a part in those actions that folks would be more likely to trust the effort and step forward.

Set vision and overall scope of the strategic plan: It was determined that feedback would be sought from the county as a whole.

Adjourned 11:30AM.