

Library Minutes

November 13, 2013

1. Call to Order
President Walter Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Board members present were Maria Rector, Katherine Walker, Emily Sprengelmeyer, Michael Blaum, and Allison Vanderpool. Francis Beadle was excused absent. Members of the public present were Tim Doser, Gloria Junge and Craig Albaugh. Librarian Jenna Diedrich attended via Zoom.
2. Citizens Comments
Junge commented on the digitization project, the lack of financial report and the absence of the treasurer. She offered thanks to Blaum and Rector. She explained the ownership of Veterans Park. Rector moved to allow a three-minute extension to public comments. Blaum had the second. Vote: Vanderpool – Aye, Blaum – Aye, Sprengelmeyer – Aye, Walker – No, Rector – Aye, Johnson – Aye. Motion carried. Junge continued her remarks on history of the park.
3. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of minutes for Regular meeting October 9, 2003
 - b. Approval of bills paid/payable 10/07/2023-11/10/2023
Blaum moved to approve the minutes and the bills payable. Rector had the second. Diedrich asked that a \$45 bill be paid to Rector for gift certificates. Blaum withdrew his motion and made a new one to include the \$45 payment. Vanderpool had the second. Vote: Blaum – Aye, Sprengelmeyer – Aye, Walker – Aye, Rector – Aye, Vanderpool – Aye, Johnson – Aye. Motion carried.
4. Financial Report – None
5. Treasurer’s Report – None
6. Friends Report
No member of Friends of the Library was present, but the President had sent an email with information. Kathy Leonard was moving to Pennsylvania; Charlene Fee will assume her role as Hospitality Chair. The new recording secretary is Lori Pratner. There will be a mini book sale at the Holiday Market at the GTA on December 2. A Culver’s Share Night is set for December 5 from 5 to 8. The sale next year will be at the Galena Middle School, dates are July 18-20, 2024 with the Friends night on July 17.
7. Library Director’s Report
Diedrich said one of the globes for the lights in front shattered. Replacements will be coming for both lights from Dubuque Electric. Replacement cost will be around \$1400. There has been no response from the firm doing the audit. Blaum asked about the purple lights and Diedrich explained they were that color to support awareness of domestic violence.
8. Board President’s Report

Johnson offered his thanks to all the committee members for their work and support.

9. Committees

a. Buildings & Grounds

i. Discussion and possible action on Egress Window RFP

Blaum moved to approve the Egress Window RFP. Rector made the second. Diedrich mentioned the bid window was 30 days. The Gazette and the TH will receive the information. There will be a walk through for bidders and bid opening December 27. Vote: Sprengelmeyer – Aye, Walker – Aye, Rector – Aye, Vanderpool – Aye, Blaum – Aye, Johnson – Aye. Motion carried. A brief discussion followed regarding future landscaping efforts, the possibility of opening the time capsule and no-mow grass. Sprengelmeyer suggested a possible partnership with JDCF.

b. Decennial

Walker mentioned the community members would be attending the December meeting.

c. Finance – None

d. HR – None

e. Policy

i. Discussion and possible action on the revisions to Bylaws

Walker said the committee had met twice in October to go over the bylaws. She moved to accept the revisions as submitted. Blaum made the Second. Vote: Walker – Aye, Rector – Aye, Blaum – Aye, Vanderpool – Aye, Sprengelmeyer – Aye, Johnson – Aye. Motion carried.

10. Unfinished business

a. Discussion and possible action on community members participating in the discussion on digitization.

Blaum moved to have each person have 5 minutes to present their ideas on digitization. Rector had the second. Vote: Vanderpool – Aye, Blaum – Aye, Sprengelmeyer – Aye, Walker – Aye, Rector – Aye, Johnson – Aye. Motion carried. Albaugh thought the project was taking way too long. He wants to get it done. Doser agreed the project needs to speed up. He is unhappy the July papers are not online yet. Junge was concerned no one can touch the papers. Diedrich is concerned that papers are torn out and copied. The library is trying to preserve the papers and there are serious issues with public access and touching. Walker moved to end the discussion. Vanderpool made the second. Vote: Blaum Aye, Sprengelmeyer – Aye, Walker – Aye, Rector – Nay, Vanderpool – Aye, Johnson – Aye. Motion carried.

11. New Business

a. Discussion and possible action on December and January holiday closures

Vanderpool moved to accept the proposed closures for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve and New Years Day. Blaum made the second. Vote: Sprengelmeyer – Aye, Walker – Aye, Rector – Aye, Vanderpool – Aye, Blaum – Aye, Johnson – Aye. Motion carried.

12. Motions, Resolutions, Ordinances

a. Ordinance #24-02: FY2024 Tax Levy

Walker moved to approve the ordinance and tax levy as presented. Sprengelmeyer had the second. Blaum asked how the levy had been calculated. Diedrich explained last year's calculation and extension which was 4.9% and for 2024 is 4.994%. It takes in the possibilities of higher insurance costs and the estimates of first quarter and IMRF. Vote: Walker – Aye, Rector – Aye, Vanderpool – Aye, Blaum – Aye, Sprengelmeyer – Aye, Johnson – Aye. Motion carried.

13. Closed Session – None

14. Items for next agenda – None

15. Announcements – None

16. Adjournment 7:56pm

Next meeting: Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6:30pm. Galena Public Library, 601 S. Bench St., Galena, IL 61036 – Historical Room

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Walker
Secretary