

Library Board Minutes
April 8, 2024

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Walter Johnson at 6:30pm. Answering present to the roll call were Johnson, Michael Blaum, Emily Sprengelmeyer, Alison Vanderpool, Maria Rector, and Katherine Walker. A quorum was present. Frances Beadle was excused as absent. Library Director Jenna Diedrich was present. Citizens attending were Gloria Junge and Rick Pariser.

Citizens comments

Junge mentioned concerns regarding the budget and felt a 100% cushion for the library was unnecessary. Older people are working 3 jobs and living on fixed incomes. Young families are struggling. There should be no higher tax levy. Pariser thanked everyone for their service and asked where the flag was. He would like a report at the next meeting.

Consent Agenda

Diedrich requested a bill for \$91.53 to Access Systems be added for payment.

Sprengelmeyer moved to approve the minutes including the addition of \$91.53 to Access Systems. Vanderpool made the second.

Vote: Sprengelmeyer – Aye, Vanderpool – Aye, Rector – Aye, Walker – Aye, Blaum – Aye, Johnson – Aye.
Motion carried.

Financial Report

No report.

Treasurer's Report

Diedrich said a CD could be purchased from DuPaco and there was a CD from Illinois Bank and Trust offering 4.92% for 8 months.

Blaum moved to invest with the Virtue funds at IB&T at 4.92% for 8 months. Vanderpool made the second.

Vote: Vanderpool – Aye, Rector – Aye, Walker – Aye, Blaum – Aye, Sprengelmeyer – Aye, Johnson – Aye.
Motion carried.

Friends Report

No report

Library Director's Report

Diedrich said there was an issue for garbage pickup. The library, unknowingly, had not been invoiced for refuse from the city for the last several years. With the new changes at Montgomery, the library is now set up as its own account. We will be charged \$50 per month. The charge is not included in the budget,

but it is relatively low cost and should be a problem. There was an accident in the parking lot; a patron ran into the retaining wall on the west side of the building. No one was hurt. A claim was filed with the patron's insurance. Diedrich will get a quote for the repair and submit it to the patron's insurance company. A teen survey has been distributed. Planning for Pride Picnic has begun. Legislative issues include an increase in the bidding threshold. Diedrich is working with the library's IT to upgrade the security camera system.

Board President's Report

Johnson is tabling the Strategic Plan for the present. There was discussion regarding the American flag in the building and including the Illinois flag as well. Blaum said the Building's & Grounds committee will meet and discuss it before the next meeting.

Committees

- Buildings & Grounds: Blaum said there had been issues with corrupted hard drives that were stored. They may look into storage in the cloud. They will be looking at landscaping for the front of the building. Issues with the tenant of the two-story building with the black ironwork may be resolved, they are moving. Concerns with the downspouts are also being watched.
- Decennial – no report
- Finance – no report
- HR – Rector reported the director's evaluation will be in closed session later in the agenda.
- Policy – no report

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Closed Session

Rector moved to enter closed session at 7:08pm. Blaum made the second.

Vote: Rector – Aye, Walker – Aye, Blaum – Aye, Sprengelmeyer – Aye, Vanderpool – Aye, Johnson – Aye.
Motion carried. Guests and Diedrich left the meeting.

Closed session ended at 7:25.

Items for next agenda

Flags in the building

Adjournment at 7:29pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 13, 2024 at Galena Public Library, 601 S. Bench St., Galena, IL 61036

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Walker
Secretary