

Library Board Meeting
June 10, 2024

Call to order

Vice President Mike Blaum called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Answering present: Emily Sprengelmeyer, Frances Beadle, Maria Rector, Katherine Walker and Alison Vanderpool. Also present were Gloria Junge, Peg Casper and Librarian Jenna Diedrich.

Citizens Comments

Junge apologized for the tone of her comments last week. She would like the board to consider the high taxes, the flag issue and loss of trust by the taxpayers. Peg Casper wished there was better support between the board and the library director.

Acceptance of Resignation – Walter Johnson

Vanderpool moved to accept the resignation of Johnson. Rector made the second. The board voted unanimously by voice to accept the resignation.

Consent Agenda

Four changes need to be made to the minutes. In the Treasurer's Report the CD rate was at First Community Bank, not Illinois Bank and Trust. No CD rate was available for Illinois Bank & Trust. In the Library Director's report, the insurance company is Bauer-McCoy, not Bower-McCoy. In agenda item 11, the word "decisive" should be "divisive." And lastly, in agenda item 11, the last two sentences should read, "Her concern is that individual trustees do not have any approval to purchase things. Board as a whole approves purchases but does not make them."

Rector moved to approve the consent agenda with corrections to the minutes. Sprengelmeyer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

No report

Treasurer's Report

No report

Friends Report

Diedrich shared information on behalf of Friends President Betsy Hansen. The annual meeting date is June 26th at 4:30pm. The book sale is moving ahead. The window for donations has ended. Publicity will start soon.

Library Director's Report

Diedrich had received notification of the Per Capita Grant for \$6,709. Funds are used to pay a portion of PrairieCat membership. Runde will be rewiring for new security camera equipment on Thursday the

13th. Anna Weiss-Pfau of Third Coast Conservation will be visiting to continue work on the children's library fireplace on July 9th. Weiss-Pfau expects two additional visits, which is outside of the project quote. Diedrich requested an updated quote to share with the board and the Galena Foundation. It has not yet been received.

Board President's Report

Blaum read a letter he will send to Johnson thanking him for his service on the Board.

10. Committees

- A. Building & Grounds – lots of items are in the works. Blaum stated the committee will meet soon and have more information at the next meeting.
- B. Decennial – no report
- C. Finance – Beadle and Diedrich met and went over the draft budget. The Finance Committee will meet on the 11th to review the budget.
- D. HR – no report
- E. Policy – Walker reported a scheduled meeting had been canceled but they hope to have a meeting after July 4th .

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Ordinance #24-03: FY 2025 Meeting Dates

Rector moved to accept Ordinance the meeting dates for FY 2025. Vanderpool made the second. No vote was taken as President Blaum stated all three be approved together.

Rector changed her motion to accept all three items Ordinance #24-03 FY25 Meeting Dates, Resolution #24-03 Waiver of Non-Resident Fees for Minors, Resolution #24-04 Non Resident Fees. The second was made by Vanderpool. Beadle asked about a typo on the date. Motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session

- A. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussion whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
- B. The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in the OMA, including a vacancy in public office, when the public body is given the power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance. 5 ILCS 120(2)(c)(3)

Visitors left the meeting. Diedrich was asked to remain. Closed session began at 6:50pm on a motion from Vanderpool and the second from Beadle. Motion passed unanimously.

Board reentered open session at 7:23pm.

Discussion and possible action on appointment of vacant board seat

Beadle moved to invite Sandra Schultz to join the library board. Rector had the second.

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

Items for next agenda

Suggestions included training for board members and election of officers.

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Blaum adjourned the meeting at 7:26pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 8th, 2024 at Galena Public Library, 601 S. Bench St., Galena, IL 61036

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Walker
Secretary