

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**NEW ALBANY-FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**MARCH 11, 2019**

Presiding Officer: Mr. Roger Whaley, President

Board Members present: Ms. Gabrielle Carr, Mr. Steve Burks, Ms. Ann Carruthers, Ms. Pamela Poe, Ms. Amy Niemeier, and Mr. Tonye Rutherford

Board Members absent: None

Board Attorney: Mr. Jason Lopp was not present.

Staff Members present: Melissa Merida, Sandra Fortner, Erin McCorkle, Eileen Yanoviak, Luis Munoz, Abby Johnson, and Laura Wilkins

Guests present:

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval and signing of Board minutes of February 11*
- B. Set Board Meeting for April 8, 2019*
- C. Approval of Bills and Invoices to be paid*
- D. Items to be declared surplus*

Mr. Burks moved: That the consent agenda be approved.

Seconded by: Ms. Carr

Motion: approved

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**PERSONNEL**

Sandra Fortner had no news to report.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Eileen Yanoviak reported that the Carnegie is ready to launch a new education program that will reach every third, seventh, and eighth grader in the school district. Ms. Merida is interested in finding a way to make temporary Carnegie educator Julie Leidner a permanent member of the staff.

Abby Johnson reported on the upcoming installation of Story Walks in Kevin Hammersmith Park.

Ms. Merida reported that Library volunteer service has been halted until the insurance issues can be worked out. The Volunteer Luncheon will go on as planned.

Laura Wilkins reported that the Eva Kor programming was a great success. 337 people attended the programs and 180 copies of the book were given out. An after-hours screening of the full-length documentary drew 130 attendees.

Ms. Merida informed the Board about Library patron Nick McCarthy, who now has a trespass issued against him.

Ms. Merida explained the significance and potential negative impacts of Bill 1343, which is currently in the Indiana State Senate.

Other highlights include completion of the auditorium kitchen, involvement with the Firefly Awards, the Summer Reading Blast-off on June 1, and participation in Floyd County Bicentennial activities. The Children’s Department remodeling project will begin soon.

**FOUNDATION REPORT**

Mr. Whaley had no news to report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Eileen’s Opportunities with Book Authoring:

Ms. Merida has consulted with Ray Haley, the Library HR attorney. At this point, Ms. Yanoviak is in the process of submitting her manuscript proposal. If it is approved, a contract will be offered. At that point, the Board will decide how to handle the finances. A discussion followed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Board Training:

The Board discussed the available options. No action will be taken at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees.....April 8, 2019

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