

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NEW ALBANY-FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

MARCH 1, 2021

Presiding Officer: Ann Carruthers, President

Board Members present: Amy Niemeier, Roger Whaley, Erica Lawrence, Kate Moore, and Pamela Poe

Board Members absent: Steve Burks

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

The Board of Trustees meeting was held in the Strassweg Auditorium at 6:15 pm.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval and signing of Board minutes for February 1 meeting*
- B. Set Board meeting for April 5*
- C. Approval of Bills and Invoices to be paid*
- D. Items to be declared surplus*

Ms. Niemeier moved: That the Consent Agenda be approved.

Seconded by: Ms. Poe

Motion: approved

PUBLIC INPUT

None

PERSONNEL

Sandra Fortner reported a great response to the job posting for the Assistant Marketing Coordinator. The Building Services and Children's Librarian postings have not had as much response, so three temporary staff (two in building services and one children's librarian) are being utilized for the time being.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Recbar Readers program has 1,177 registered readers. Ms. Merida would like to hold a Recbar Readers party and summer reading kickoff at Bicentennial Park if pandemic restrictions allow it.

Construction in the auditorium and old check-in office is almost done. The Indiana Room is making progress and new genealogy librarian Allison Kilberg is doing a great job.

Carnegie's Morrison exhibit opening went very well. Carnegie has received \$55,000 for the Indiana Arts Commission's On-Ramp program. Our staff will attend a training and then hold a three-day workshop to teach artists about entrepreneurship.

Ms. Merida outlined her plans to transition the Library back to a more normal state. Staff will be less restricted in the two teams, public computers will be expanded, and curbside services will take place out of the emergency exit doors. Some patrons are pushing for in-person storytimes, but Ms. Merida would like to wait longer for in-person programming. The Board did not object.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Mr. Whaley reported that the Foundation's account is currently about \$558,000 and doing very well. The last disbursement of \$8,000 will be used for furniture in Children's. The Foundation will review the portfolio again this summer and will likely issue another disbursement.

OLD BUSINESS

Update Board Bylaws:

This issue was tabled.

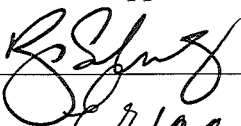
NEW BUSINESS


None

ADJOURNMENT

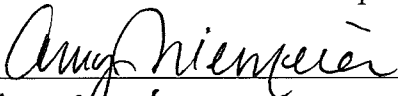
As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.


Reviewed and approved by Board of Trustees.....April 5, 2021



Erica Lawrence


Pamela D. Poe



Amy Niemeyer


Ann Carruthers