

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**NEW ALBANY-FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**MAY 3, 2021**

Presiding Officer: Ann Carruthers, President

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

Board Members absent: None

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

The Board of Trustees meeting was held in the Strassweg Auditorium at 5:30 pm.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval and signing of Board minutes for April 5 meeting*
- B. Set Board meeting for June 7*
- C. Approval of Bills and Invoices to be paid*

Mr. Burks moved: That the Consent Agenda be approved.  
Seconded by: Mr. Whaley

Motion: approved

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Mr. Burks commended the leadership team for everything that has been accomplished in the Library over the last few years.

**PERSONNEL**

We are now taking applications for summer internships. There could be additional positions added for teens to run the prize tables during Summer Reading.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Summer Reading programs have been planned and the brochure is finished. Program registration will be limited to control numbers of participants.

The Dare to Care food bank has been approved. GE will donate a refrigerator and freezer for the pantry.

The remodeling is progressing. Ms. Merida is working on a way to surplus many old items like filing cabinets and furniture. The Indiana Room is about 85 percent moved and new furniture has been ordered for it.

The *Form, Not Function* exhibit will open at Carnegie on May 14 from 6-8pm. The On-ramp program training sessions have finished, and staff are now planning the event. Artists can apply to On-ramp through Carnegie's website starting May 10.

The Recbar Readers program has ended with a total of 1,355 sign-ups and 415 readers completing the program. Participants logged 1,119,714 minutes of reading.

**FOUNDATION REPORT**

Mr. Whaley presented the Foundation’s first quarter investment statement. The Foundation will meet again in July to prepare another distribution check.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Update Board Bylaws:

Mr. Whaley moved: That this item be tabled.

Seconded by Ms. Niemeier

Motion: approved

The Board agreed to move the tabling of this item to the Consent Agenda indefinitely.

Collection Development Policy:

Abby Johnson presented a draft of changes to the Collection Development policy and Request for Reconsideration form, and asked for Board input. The Board will take a vote next month.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Unique Management Services:

Unique Management is the Library’s collections service company. Ms. Merida reported that they will not work with us to customize notices they send to our patrons. It is also difficult to determine how successful their services really are. Since the pandemic started, the Library has halted the use of collections services. Overdue notices are still sent out by Library staff. The Library pays Unique for each case, whether Unique collects from that patron or not.

Mr. Whaley moved: That the Library continue the suspension of Unique’s services.

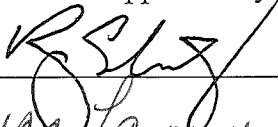
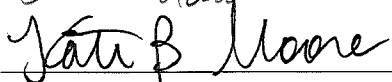

Seconded by: Ms. Niemeier


Motion: approved

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Reviewed and approved by Board of Trustees.....June 7, 2021

  
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