

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**NEW ALBANY-FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**SEPTEMBER 13, 2021**

Presiding Officer: Ann Carruthers, President

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

Board Members absent: Steve Burks and Roger Whaley

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

The Board of Trustees meeting was held in the Strassweg Auditorium.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON 2022 BUDGET**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

Ms. Merida explained some of the budget numbers for 2022. There was no public input.

Ms. Niemeier moved: That the Public Hearing be adjourned.

Seconded by: Ms. Poe

Motion: approved unanimously

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval and signing of Board minutes for August 2 meeting*
- B. Approval of Bills and Invoices to be paid*
- C. Set Board Meeting for October 4*
- D. Items to be declared surplus*
- E. Table discussion to update Board Bylaws*

Ms. Niemeier moved: That Item C be moved to New Business.

Seconded by: Ms. Moore

Motion: approved unanimously

Ms. Niemeier moved: That the Consent Agenda be approved except for Item C.

Seconded by: Ms. Moore

Motion: approved unanimously

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Laura Wilkins reported that Rep. Hollingsworth had a good visit to Carnegie today. He will visit Central on Wednesday.

Luis Munoz reported that traffic is increasing as word spreads about the Community Corner food pantry, which launched in August.

## **PERSONNEL**

Sandra Fortner reported that Joe Shepherd resigned last month, but has returned to the Library. Librarian Assistant Meghan Hopper has resigned effective September 8 to take a position at Department of Children's Services. Full-time Customer Service Liaison Susan Sullivan has resigned effective August 27. Three new Librarians will start work October 4. They are Rachel Anger in Youth Services, Veronica Palensky in Genealogy/Adult Services, and Christi Osterday in Adult Services.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Merida reported that she met with a designer to plan renovations for the front porch. RFPs will possibly be sent out in October. RFPs for the chiller have been sent out and any responses will be opened at the next meeting.

The old Indiana Room is full of items to dispose of. An auction may not be cost-effective. The Board discussed ideas including online auction apps, donating items to other organizations, and saving nicer items for a fundraiser. Ms. Merida will send the Board an overview of what items are there.

Ms. Merida presented a proposal from Al Gorman to write a book on George Morrison's life and art. The book would be a valuable resource for local art history, and the Library would keep ownership of it. The Board was pleased with the idea.

The Children's area is now open but will not be publicly announced until next week.

## **FOUNDATION REPORT**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Museum Educator Reimbursement:

When the Museum Educator position was created, Carnegie Inc. agreed to fund half the salary. The Library has since absorbed that cost and will now release Carnegie Inc. from that obligation.

Ms. Poe moved that: Carnegie Inc. no longer needs to fund the salary of the Museum Educator.

Seconded by: Ms. Lawrence

Motion: approved unanimously

### Change in-service dates:

Ms. Merida asked the Board to allow a second staff in-service day on September 27 in addition to the one already set for October 11.

Ms. Moore moved: That a staff in-service day be held on September 27.

Seconded by: Ms. Poe

Motion: approved unanimously

### Surplus plan for removal:

This topic was discussed during the Director's report.

Item C from consent agenda:

The next meeting is October 4. Some Board members cannot attend. We will contact the absent members in order to confirm a quorum.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Reviewed and approved by Board of Trustees.....October 4, 2021

Erica Lawrence

Ann Carruthers

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John B Moore

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