

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NEW ALBANY-FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

APRIL 4, 2022

Presiding Officer: Steve Burks, President

Board Members present: Ann Carruthers, Kate Moore, Amy Niemeier, and Roger Whaley

Board Members absent: Erica Lawrence and Pamela Poe

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

Guests present: Rick Anderson (Veregy), and Dennis Watson

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order in the Strassweg Auditorium at 5:32 pm.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. *Approval and signing of Board minutes for March 7 meeting*
- B. *Approval of Bills and Invoices to be paid*
- C. *Set Board Meeting for May 2*
- D. *Table discussion to update Board Bylaws*

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

Seconded by: Ms. Niemeier

Motion: approved unanimously

PUBLIC INPUT

Dennis Watson asked about the status of the memorial wall project. Ms. Merida explained that we are still seeking a vendor to produce signage, and overall progress was slowed when a marketing employee left the Library.

PERSONNEL

Sandra Fortner had no news to report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Merida reported that the chiller project is going well, although there have been some unexpected expenses along the way.

Indiana author Ashley C. Ford will speak at the Library on April 12 as part of Indiana Humanities' Indiana Authors Awards Tour.

The Elementary art show is being installed today. The community reception is April 28.

The George Morrison book is going well and at least 20 chapters are complete. Al Gorman's contract was extended. He has also recently rediscovered a lost Morrison painting.

Repairs from the tree damage are supposed to begin at Carnegie on April 11. Jeremiah Dixon is meeting with the contractor and claims adjuster tomorrow.

Ms. Merida met with Mitchell Scott about the satellite branch IUS would like us to start. Mr. Scott is applying for a Caesar's grant for the project.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Mr. Whaley had no news to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Unattended child policy:

Mr. Whaley moved: That the Safety Policy for Children be approved.

Seconded by: Ms. Carruthers

Motion: approved unanimously

Solar panel update:

Rick Anderson presented the Library's energy analysis. At Carnegie, solar panels are not feasible, but windows can be updated to increase efficiency. At Central, the roof is ideal for solar panels and the electric heat could be converted to gas to save money. The estimated 20 years of avoided costs is \$1.5 million. The next step would be an RFQ. The Board agreed to take this information to the Building Committee for further evaluation.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve LIRF and Rainy Day spending:

Ms. Merida will attend the County Council meeting and ask to use \$290,000 from Rainy Day and \$50,000 from LIRF.

Ms. Moore moved: That the request be approved.

Seconded by: Ms. Niemeier

Motion: approved unanimously

Indiana Room Statement on sensitive content:

The statement says that historical documents may contain language or opinions that do not reflect today's views. However, these items are kept for historical purposes. Allison Kilberg explained that these statements are becoming more common as historical works are digitized and become more accessible to the public.

Mr. Whaley moved: That the statement be approved.

Seconded by: Ms. Niemeier

Motion: approved unanimously

Quarterly PLAC report:

No PLAC cards were sold this quarter.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Reviewed and approved by Board of Trustees.....May 2, 2022











