

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**NEW ALBANY-FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**MAY 2, 2022**

Presiding Officer: Roger Whaley, Vice President

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

Board Members absent: Steve Burks and Ann Carruthers

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

Guests present: Dennis Watson

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order in the Strassweg Auditorium at 5:35 pm.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval and signing of Board minutes for April 4 meeting*
- B. Approval of Bills and Invoices to be paid*
- C. Set Board Meeting for June 6*
- D. Table discussion to update Board Bylaws*

Ms. Poe moved: That the consent agenda be approved.

Seconded by: Ms. Niemeier

Motion: approved unanimously

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Dennis Watson was present to discuss the status of the memorial wall project. Ms. Merida will present some proposed ideas in the Director's Report.

Luis Munoz reported that the Friends of the Library recently had their biggest book sale yet, making \$4,300 dollars in four hours.

Laura Wilkins reported that Carnegie's *Form, Not Function* exhibit opens on May 19. The Penny Sisto exhibit closed on April 9, and at least two-thirds of the quilts from that show were sold.

**PERSONNEL**

Sandra Fortner reported that the Library is searching for a new marketing assistant since Ann Gilly left in February. She asked for approval to open the Library at noon on May 13 due to a staff meeting.

Ms. Moore moved: That the request to open at noon on May 13 be approved.

Seconded by: Ms. Poe

Motion: approved unanimously

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Merida presented an illustration of what the memorial wall project could look like. She suggested a combination of printed signage and electronic screens that scroll through donor information. The digital information could be updated immediately as donations come in. The Board discussed the different possibilities and levels of giving.

Ms. Merida met with representatives from IUS about the new branch there. They plan to start with book returns, SRP promotion, and making library cards. They are still waiting to hear if they won a Caesar's grant to purchase the collection.

The county sent out an RFI for the private-public partnership they would like to start on Grant Line Road. In response, two developers have contacted the Library to ask what features we would want in a branch. The project is still entirely conceptual for now.

The church across the street is in the process of rebuilding, using the permits from 2018. The pastor of the church previously spoke to the Board in September 2018 about the building plans. Summer reading kickoff will be June 4 from 11am-2pm. Each location will have its own activities.

## **FOUNDATION REPORT**

Mr. Whaley reported a slight loss for the first quarter of the year.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Building Committee:

The Building Committee (Mr. Burks and Mr. Whaley) and Ms. Merida met and discussed a number of questions about the solar panel proposal. They would like the Veregy representative to come back for more discussion. The committee recommends not moving ahead with the solar project until the representative can meet with the Board again.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Chiller update:

The new chiller will not ship until July or later. The Library will need to rent a temporary chiller until then. Because the cost will be more than \$25,000, Ms. Merida got four quotes. The Board went over the numbers.

Ms. Lawrence moved: That the first choice would be Alliance; with a provision to switch to Intertech if the rental is not available.

Seconded by: Ms. Niemeier

Ms. Moore moved: To revise the motion to add an additional provision to switch to Intertech if the chiller insurance on Alliance causes the price to go too high.

Seconded by: Ms. Lawrence

Revised Motion: approved unanimously

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Temporary chiller rental:

This was discussed under Old Business.

Carnegie Inc. bylaws:

The Board discussed Article 4, sentence 3: *"The Board shall have the additional responsibility of acting as an advisory committee on museum affairs to the Board of Trustees of the New*

*Albany/Floyd County Public Library.*” They agreed that this sentence is not needed, and to remove it from the bylaws.

Ms. Moore moved: That the Carnegie Inc. bylaws be approved, with the removal of Article 4, sentence 3.

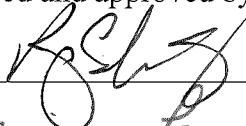
Seconded by: Ms. Lawrence

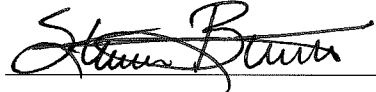
Motion: approved unanimously

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Reviewed and approved by Board of Trustees.....June 6, 2022

  
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