

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

JULY 11, 2022

Presiding Officer: Roger Whaley, Vice President

Board Members present: Ann Carruthers, Erica Lawrence, Kate Moore, and Pamela Poe

Board Members absent: Steve Burks and Amy Niemeier

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

Guests present: Rick Anderson via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order in the Strassweg Auditorium at 5:34 pm.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval and signing of Board minutes for June 6 meeting*
- B. Approval of Bills and Invoices to be paid*
- C. Set Board Meeting for August 1*
- D. Table discussion to update Board Bylaws*

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

Seconded by: Ms. Lawrence

Motion: approved unanimously

Ms. Moore moved: That Veregy Energy be moved from Old Business to Public Input.

Seconded by: Ms. Carruthers

Motion: approved unanimously

PUBLIC INPUT

Veregy Energy:

Veregy representative Rick Anderson joined the meeting via Zoom. His revised summary is different from the original presentation; the updated cost is about \$450,000-\$500,000. This quote is just for the solar array and drops the HVAC improvements and the work at Carnegie.

The Board discussed the project at length but made no final decision. Ms. Merida will talk to libraries in Jennings County, Pendleton County, and Nashville to get more information on their solar setups. The Board also asked to see other libraries' RFPs and find out how they paid for their projects.

Other public input:

Luis Munoz reported that Cultural Pass has 4,400 signups, and readers have logged over one million minutes in the Summer Reading program. Summer lunches and children's programming are seeing great attendance as well.

Laura Wilkins reported that Carnegie has given out 500 Cultural Pass kits. The *Form, Not Function* exhibit closes on July 16, and the next exhibit is *Ate by 10*, which opens August 4.

PERSONNEL

Sandra Fortner introduced the new Marketing Assistant, Daniel Vance.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Merida read a thank you letter from a Harrison County inmate. He had asked for books for the jail and Friends of the Library was able to fulfill the request.

The Library has finally gotten the insurance settlement from the 2021 Carnegie tree damage. Work should be finished soon, hopefully in time for the next show.

The Morrison book has three chapters to go. The goal is to have it published early next year through IngramSpark, which is an on-demand print service.

Ms. Merida thanked Ms. Carruthers for sitting on a panel for More Perfect Union, a series of programs about social topics. The next event is a book discussion with author Dr. William Cooke. The series has been well received.

The Library has merged our digital book collection with the Indiana Digital Library consortium. This provides a much greater variety of digital items available to our patrons.

The June fund report shows that the Library's bank balance is on target to meet our goals for the halfway point of the year.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Mr. Whaley had no news to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Alcohol coverage:

Carnegie Inc. has agreed to pay the required insurance (\$300 per event) to serve alcohol at exhibit openings, but concluded that the expense is not worth it for smaller events. The Drink & Draw program will be rebranded as Snack & Sketch.

NEW BUSINESS

Disposal of surplus chairs:

Mr. Whaley's church and at least one other group are interested in the old red chairs from the auditorium. The value of the chairs has depreciated off the Capital Asset list. Ms. Merida asked if the Board preferred to give the chairs away for free or request a donation in return. The Board had no strong feelings about it. Mr. Whaley will let Ms. Merida know how many chairs his church would like.

Quarterly PLAC report:

No PLAC cards were sold this quarter.

Acceptable Use Policy:

The policy must be reviewed every year. There are no changes to the policy this year.

Ms. Poe moved: That the Acceptable Use Policy (POL-22-P-003) be approved.

Seconded by: Ms. Carruthers

Motion: approved unanimously

Weapons Policy:

Indiana state laws about firearms have changed. This policy clarifies that the Library will follow the law.

Ms. Lawrence moved: That the Weapons Policy (POL-22-P-004) be approved.



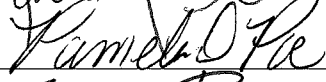

Seconded by: Ms. Poe

Motion: approved unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Reviewed and approved by Board of Trustees.....August 1, 2022

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