

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NEW ALBANY-FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

Presiding Officer: Steve Burks, President

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

Board Members absent:

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

Guests present: Jerry Finn (via Zoom); Rick Anderson; Vic Megenity

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2023 BUDGET

The Public Hearing was called to order at 5:33pm.

Ms. Merida explained some of the figures in the budget. The total budget amount is \$4,618,871.00. There were no public comments.

Mr. Whaley moved: That the Public Hearing be adjourned.

Seconded by: Ms. Moore

Motion: approved unanimously

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order in the Strassweg Auditorium at 5:45pm.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval and signing of Board minutes for August 1 meeting*
- B. Approval of Bills and Invoices to be paid*
- C. Set Board Meeting for October 3*
- D. Table discussion to update Board Bylaws*

Ms. Poe asked to remove Item B for discussion.

Mr. Whaley moved: That Consent Agenda Items A, C, and D be approved.

Seconded by: Ms. Niemeier

Motion: approved unanimously

PUBLIC INPUT

None

PERSONNEL

At Carnegie, Julie Leidner's last day of work was September 2. Allison Kilberg will be spending more time there to help with the transition. Stephanie Tolbert has transferred to Carnegie to fill

Delesha Thomas' old role. At Central, three Customer Service Liaisons and one Librarian Assistant were hired. New Central Library Leader Aaron Williams will start work on September 19.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Tribute/Memorial Wall is progressing and Luis Munoz met with Mr. Watson again today. Samtec Cares awarded a \$10,000 grant to Carnegie to create an audio/video makerspace there. Construction on the front porch is moving along and is still on budget for now. The Library will again have a Harvest Homecoming booth and help with activities on the kids' stage. The Library will also host a community photography competition here. Ms. Merida asked the Board if they wanted to attend the Arts Alliance of Southern Indiana's Gala on October 1. There are 10 seats available at the Library's table.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Ms. Merida reported that the Foundation's 990 is finished.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Friends of the Town Clock Church – Jerry Finn:

Mr. Finn explained that the Friends of the Town Clock Church will have space in the new Town Clock Center building (currently being built) and are interested in a partnership with the Library. The current proposal is to update and relocate Carnegie's Underground Railroad and Lucy Higgs Nichols exhibits to the new space. The specifics of the partnership are still to be decided. Vic Megenity from the Floyd County Historical Society, invited by Board member Pamela Poe to speak, spoke about his history and considerations with the Lucy exhibit. Ms. Merida assured the Board that the goal is not to erase Lucy, but to make her story accessible to more people. The Board agreed to let Mr. Finn continue exploring the options for collaboration.

Veregy Energy – Rick Anderson:

Mr. Anderson gave the Board a handout about the solar project at the Pendleton Community Library. He offered the Board a field trip to see the solar setup at the Jennings County Library and the city of North Vernon. Several Board members were interested. Mr. Anderson will be in touch to set a date.

NEW BUSINESS

Minimum charges:

There are now credit card readers at each desk. Ms. Merida asked if she could set a minimum charge for patrons to use a credit card. The Board agreed to set the minimum at one dollar.

Approve Bills and Invoices (Consent Agenda Item B):

Ms. Poe asked for clarification on several expenses, including the Morrison book, an art restoration, and the chiller.

Mr. Whaley moved: That Consent Agenda Item B be approved.

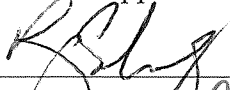


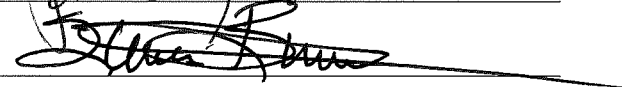
Seconded by: Ms. Moore

Motion: approved unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Reviewed and approved by Board of Trustees..... October 3, 2022

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