

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NEW ALBANY-FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

APRIL 3, 2023

Presiding Officer: Kate Ziady, Secretary

Board Members present: Steve Burks, Ann Carruthers, Erica Lawrence, Amy Niemeier, and Pamela Poe

Board Members absent: Roger Whaley

Staff Members present: Melissa Merida, Sandra Fortner, Erin McCorkle, and Luis Munoz

Guests present: Rick Anderson (Veregy Energy)

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 13 meeting*
- B. Approval of Bills and Invoices paid*
- C. Set Board meeting for May 1*

Mr. Burks moved: That the Consent Agenda be approved.
Seconded by: Ms. Carruthers
Motion: approved unanimously

PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Poe reported that the Madcap Puppets performance on Good Neighbor Day was very good. Luis Munoz invited the Board to Harry Potter week beginning April 17.

PERSONNEL

Sandra Fortner reported two resignations. Heather Wyss, a Customer Service Liaison at Galena, will resign effective April 7. This position is the main Makerspace coordinator. Adult Services Librarian Kari Haney started work on March 27, but resigned because the job was not compatible with her broken ankle. Summer intern positions will be posted soon. Safety Officer Charles Nance was moved from the hospital to a rehab facility. His recovery will be long, but he is showing improvement.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Merida reported good attendance through Spring Break. New bookshelves are being switched out in Children's; the old shelves will go upstairs to audiobooks. The old Indiana Room's ceiling is being removed to install a drop ceiling, and the old Archive Room is almost emptied out. The project is expected to last several months. Ms. Merida asked for input regarding Pride month marketing and activities. The Board agreed that it was acceptable to have a booth at the festival again. Due to the current political climate,

they decided not to advertise Pride programming in brochures distributed to schools, but to include a QR code to access diverse programs.

In the Indiana legislature, problematic wording about libraries has now been inserted into a different bill.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Mr. Whaley was not present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Supporting Non-Profit Groups Policy:

The edits that were discussed last month have been made. The Board agreed to approve the guidelines and remove the dash from the word "Nonprofit."

Ms. Niemeier moved: That the Associated Nonprofit Guidelines be approved with the correction of "Nonprofit."

Seconded by: Mr. Burks

Motion: approved unanimously

Select Liaisons for Friends and Carnegie Inc.:

Ms. Carruthers moved: That Amy Niemeier would be the liaison for Carnegie Inc.

Seconded by: Mr. Burks

Motion: approved unanimously

Mr. Burks moved: That Pamela Poe would be the liaison for Friends of the Library.

Seconded by: Ms. Carruthers

Motion: approved unanimously

Rick Anderson - Veregy:

Mr. Anderson recapped the solar project information. The cost to the Library would be about \$450,000 to \$500,000. If the Library chooses to move forward, the next step would be to advertise to get RFQs. The RFQ process is to pick the provider to lead the project. Starting the process does not lock the Library into a decision yet. The Board discussed pros and cons of the project.

Ms. Carruthers moved: That Veregy be approved to move forward with the RFQ process.

Seconded by: Ms. Poe

Aye: Ms. Carruthers, Ms. Niemeier, Ms. Poe, Ms. Ziady

Abstain: Mr. Burks

Motion: approved

NEW BUSINESS

Quarterly PLAC Report:

One PLAC card was sold this quarter.

IUS Facility Agreement:

This agreement is between Indiana University and the Library in order for us to use the IUS Library for programming. Ms. Merida signed the agreement.

Other Business:

The Board discussed the need to have signage in meeting rooms to explain that the Library does not endorse the views of groups who meet here.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Reviewed and approved by Board of Trustees.....May 1, 2023

