

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**NEW ALBANY-FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**JUNE 5, 2023**

Presiding Officer: Roger Whaley, President  
Board Members present: Ann Carruthers, Erica Lawrence, and Kate Ziady  
Board Members absent: Steve Burks, Amy Niemeier, and Pamela Poe  
Staff Members present: Melissa Merida, Sandra Fortner, Erin McCorkle, and Allison Kilberg

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order in the Strassweg Auditorium at 5:38 pm.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval and signing of Board minutes for May 1 meeting*
- B. Approval of Bills and Invoices paid*
- C. Set Board meeting for July 10*

Ms. Carruthers moved: That the Consent Agenda be approved.

Seconded by: Ms. Lawrence

Motion: approved unanimously

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**PERSONNEL**

Sandra Fortner reported that the Library has four summer interns and might get one more. An additional intern from Work One will work through the month of June. Work One is paying that intern's wages.

There are still openings for a Children's Librarian and Customer Service Liaison.

Diana Williams retired on June 1 after 43 ½ years. Responsibilities in Collection Development have been rearranged so that the position will not be replaced.

Bonnie Thrasher transferred from Customer Service to fill the SRCS/Technology Service Liaison position.

Holley Nickell transferred to Galena to take over the Makerspace position.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Merida reported that Summer Reading Kickoff was successful. Galena's kickoff had record attendance, while numbers were lower than normal at Central. Summer lunches began today with 69 lunches served. Cultural Passes are off to a good start and Summer Reading is going great. This year's prize for all ages is a packable backpack.

The new Makerspace at Carnegie is being built and could be ready by early July. A Samtec Cares grant is funding most of it. The space will include a podcast recording area, photography area, cameras for check out, an editing station, a Cricut, and a digital art station.

**FOUNDATION REPORT**

Mr. Whaley reported that Amazon Smile has been discontinued. This month the Foundation got its final donations of \$5.00 and \$10.62 from the program.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Carruthers asked for an update on Veregy Energy. The RFQ went out and two companies have already requested packets. The deadline to submit RFQs is July 10 at noon.

TheatreWorks has decided not to pursue the partnership with the Library, and will close down until they can find a partnership that suits them.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Health insurance:

Ms. Fortner met with Alison Partin, our Altman broker. The Library chose Cigna for health coverage this year. Humana is leaving commercial insurance and Cigna is trying to buy some of Humana's business by offering aggressive savings. Dental and vision coverage will move to Delta Dental. Life insurance and disability coverage will move to Mutual of Omaha. The new plan year starts July 1.

Conference attendance agreement:

There have been situations where staff have signed up for a conference, only to resign or cancel at the last minute, leaving the Library to pay the bill. This agreement notifies staff they are responsible to repay the Library if a conference won't refund us for their cancellation.

Ms. Ziady moved: That the conference attendance agreement be approved as drafted.

Seconded by: Ms. Lawrence

Motion: approved unanimously

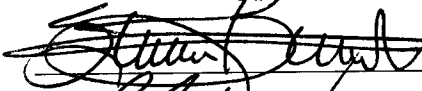

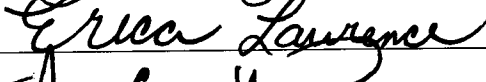

Town Clock Church:

Ms. Merida would like the Board's approval to move forward with the partnership with the Friends of Town Clock Church. The next step is to seek out a designer for the project, preferably one who is African-American and based in Indiana. Friends of Town Clock Church is raising funds for the exhibition, but they can't begin until we have ideas to start with. They have already raised \$50,000 for technology. The Board agreed by consensus to proceed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Reviewed and approved by Board of Trustees.....July 13, 2023

  
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