

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NEW ALBANY-FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MAY 1, 2023

Presiding Officer: Roger Whaley, President

Board Members present: Steve Burks, Ann Carruthers, and Pamela Poe

Board Members absent: Erica Lawrence, Amy Niemeier, and Kate Ziady

Staff Members present: Melissa Merida, Sandra Fortner, Erin McCorkle, Laura Wilkins, and Amanda Harris

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval and signing of Board minutes for April 3 meeting*
- B. Approval of Bills and Invoices paid*
- C. Set Board meeting for June 5*

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

PUBLIC INPUT

None

PERSONNEL

Sandra Fortner reported one resignation and one hire. Youth Services Librarian Adrienne Howard's last day of work was April 27. A new Adult Services Librarian, Jessie English, will start work on May 8.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Merida explained the difficulty in finding grounds maintenance services that are consistent and satisfactory. The last few years were with a contracted service, but this year the Library will look for a seasonal part-time employee for the job. Summer reading flyers are going out to schools, and the Youth Services staff have made a video to send to middle and high school language arts classes. Summer Reading Kickoff is June 3. The back parking lot has a new ramp. Now the parking spaces will need to be repainted. Public libraries were removed from wording in recent Indiana legislation that went through. Some wording remains that affects everyone; but overall, public libraries fared better than public schools in regards to access of materials to the community.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Mr. Whaley explained the quarterly investment statement. The current portfolio value is \$539,859.28.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Room reserve policy:

The Board reviewed the current room reservation guidelines. There were no updates.

Update hours:

Open hours for both branches will now be the same. Galena and Carnegie will be open 10am to 7pm Monday through Thursday, and 10am to 5pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

TheatreWorks – partnership:

TheatreWorks is a nonprofit organization who is leaving their current facility in June. A proposed agreement was distributed to the Board. They are asking to use the lower level of the Carnegie Center to hold their plays after-hours. The Library would benefit from the ability to borrow theatrical equipment, and from increasing our visitor counts by opening the galleries during intermission. There could also be creative program tie-ins such as a performing artist in residence. The lower level is used 2-4 times per month, but while a play is in production, we would move programs to the upper level.

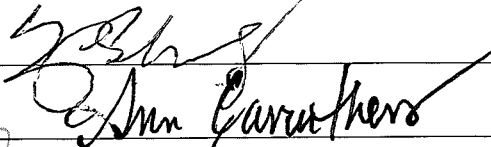

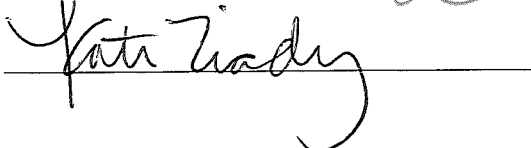
Library staff would have to be present for performances; TheatreWorks would reimburse for staffing costs. They are also in agreement to pay for additional insurance if needed. The Board felt that the Library should charge TheatreWorks a rental fee for use of the space, and that the partnership should be reevaluated after one year. Ms. Merida stated that this would be a valuable partnership in usage of the Carnegie and to boost attendance.

Mr. Whaley asked the Board to read through the partnership agreement and bring the topic back at the next meeting. Ms. Merida will offer TheatreWorks a rental fee of \$1,500 per run of a show and see how they respond.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Reviewed and approved by Board of Trustees.....June 5, 2023

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