

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NEW ALBANY-FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

FEBRUARY 13, 2024

Presiding Officer: Erica Lawrence, President

Board Members present: Ann Carruthers, Amy Niemeier, Pamela Poe, Roger Whaley, and Kate Ziady

Board Members absent: Steve Burks

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

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 January 8 meeting*
- B. Approval of Bills and Invoices paid*
- C. Set Board meeting for March 4*

Mr. Whaley moved: That the Consent Agenda be approved.

Seconded by: Ms. Niemeier

Motion: approved unanimously

Ms. Merida asked to add Finance Meeting minutes to New Business.

PUBLIC INPUT

Tom Jones spoke again about the Carnegie Center name.

PERSONNEL

Sandra Fortner is back on limited duty three days per week.

Teen librarian Miriam (Watts) Gregory has resigned due to health issues. Adult librarian Tara Bistline is moving and will resign on April 19.

There are several jobs open and those positions will be posted soon.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Merida thanked the Board and staff for their support and gifts during her bereavement leave. She will be taking additional time off over the coming months to handle estate matters. The Annual Report is almost finished. Capital Assets will appear lower this year due to depreciation of assets.

Ms. Merida sent out reappointment letters for Ms. Poe and Mr. Whaley.

Concerns were raised by the Mayor to County Council members in regards to the chain on the entrance to Carnegie and who owned the building. A chain across the front porch has been added when the building is closed. It comes down when the facility is open. This is to deter people from loitering, defecating, and using open flames on the porch in the night, which has been occurring.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Approve member-at-large Mike Kovatch and Friends representative Carolyn Hook:

Mr. Kovatch was the Friends representative to the Foundation. He is stepping back from the Friends but would like to remain on the Foundation. Carolyn Hook has been nominated as the new Friends representative.

Ms. Niemeier moved: That Mike Kovatch and Carolyn Hook be approved for the Foundation.
Seconded by: Ms. Ziady
Motion: approved unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Cultural Arts Center – name and logo:

Ms. Poe restated the need to reduce confusion between the branch itself and Carnegie Inc. The Board discussed different name possibilities. Ms. Carruthers suggested the Floyd County Library Carnegie Cultural Arts Center. Ms. Niemeier suggested the Floyd County Carnegie Library Cultural Arts Center.

Mr. Whaley moved: That the name would be Floyd County Carnegie Library Cultural Arts Center
Seconded by Ms. Niemeier
Motion: approved unanimously

Update Internal Controls:

Ms. Niemeier moved: That this item be tabled.
Seconded by: Ms. Ziady
Motion: approved unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

Parliamentary procedure:

Because of several unusual situations over the last year, Ms. Merida suggested training from the State Library on parliamentary procedure. She can also purchase copies of Robert's Rules of Order for each Board member.

Finance Meeting minutes:

Ms. Ziady moved: That the minutes of the Finance Meeting be approved.
Seconded by: Mr. Whaley
Motion: approved unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Niemeier moved: That the meeting be adjourned.
Seconded by: Ms. Ziady
Motion: approved unanimously

Reviewed and approved by Board of Trustees.....March 4, 2024

John Zeady

Ann Caruthers

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John Zeady

