

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NEW ALBANY-FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

JANUARY 8, 2024

Presiding Officer: Roger Whaley, President

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

Board Members absent: Kate Ziady

Staff Members present: Melissa Merida, Erin McCorkle, Luis Munoz, and Laura Wilkins

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order in the Strassweg Auditorium at 5:37 pm.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND SECRETARY

The slate of officers was nominated as:

President: Erica Lawrence
Vice President: Kate Ziady
Secretary: Pamela Poe

Mr. Burks moved: That the slate of officers be approved.

Seconded by: Ms. Carruthers

Motion: approved unanimously

Ms. Lawrence took over the meeting.

Ms. Carruthers moved: That Steve Burks serve as interim Vice President until Kate Ziady returns from maternity leave.

Seconded by: Ms. Niemeier

Motion: approved unanimously

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval and signing of Board minutes for December 4 meeting*
- B. Approval of Bills and Invoices paid*
- C. Set Board meeting for February 5*

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

Seconded by: Ms. Poe

Motion: approved unanimously

PUBLIC INPUT

Sally Newkirk spoke about the legacy of the Carnegie and how it became part of the Library.

Tom Jones stated that Andrew Carnegie's original gift would be equivalent to almost \$1.3 million today.

Jamey Aebersold suggested selling the Carnegie building.

PERSONNEL

Sandra Fortner is still off work and will see the doctor again in February.
There were no resignations or new hires.

Staff service recognitions:

5 years of service: Melinda Borie
10 years of service: Jody LaRue
15 years of service: Erin McCorkle

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

FOUNDATION REPORT

Mr. Whaley had no news to report.

Appoint Board Liaison:

Mr. Whaley stated that if he is reappointed, he is willing to serve as the Foundation Liaison again.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Niemeier reported on a meeting between the Transition Committee, Jason Lopp, and the attorney representing Carnegie Inc. She recommended tabling the decision about the Carnegie name issue until further conversations can take place between the Committee and Carnegie Inc.

OLD BUSINESS

Cultural Arts Center – name and logo:

Mr. Whaley moved: That this item be tabled to allow time for further study.
Seconded by: Ms. Carruthers

Discussion: Some Board members favor including Carnegie in the name somehow. Suggestions included “Floyd County Library Carnegie Cultural Arts Center” and variations on “Cultural Arts Center housed in the Carnegie Building.”

Ayes: Ms. Carruthers, Ms. Lawrence, Ms. Niemeier, Ms. Poe, Mr. Whaley

Nays: Mr. Burks

Motion: approved

The Board discussed the original resolution and timeline of events surrounding the Cultural Arts Center transition. Staff will continue to call the branch the Cultural Arts Center as described in the resolution; new signage and a new logo will be finalized after the Board reaches a decision.

Update Internal Controls:

This item was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Appointment renewals:

The County Council did not have Mr. Whaley on their agenda for reappointment. Mr. Whaley is willing to serve another term if reappointed.
Ms. Poe agreed to serve for another term if reappointed.
Ms. Merida will send letters to recommend the reappointments.

Appoint Board Committees:

The Committees were nominated as:
Building Committee: Mr. Burks, Ms. Poe, and Mr. Whaley
Supporting Groups Committee: Ms. Carruthers, Ms. Lawrence, and Ms. Niemeier
Town Clock Church Committee: Mr. Burks, Ms. Lawrence, and Mr. Whaley

Mr. Whaley moved: That the proposed slate of committees be approved.
Seconded by: Mr. Burks
Motion: approved unanimously

Quarterly PLAC Report:

There were no PLAC cards sold this quarter.

Resolution to transfer funds:

Mr. Burks moved: That the Resolution for Transfer of Funds (24-FIN-001) be approved.
Seconded by: Ms. Niemeier
Motion: approved unanimously

Resolution to encumber purchase orders:

Due to spending cutbacks, there are very few purchase orders to forward this year.
Ms. Niemeier moved: That the Resolution to Encumber Purchase Orders (24-FIN-003) be approved.
Seconded by: Ms. Poe
Motion: approved unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Reviewed and approved by Board of Trustees.....February 13, 2024

Kate Tisdell

Pamela O'Pee

Ann Carruthers

Amy Niemeier

Bob

Erica Lawrence

