

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

APRIL 1, 2024

Presiding Officer: Kate Ziady, Secretary

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

Board Members absent: Erica Lawrence and Amy Niemeier

Staff Members present: Melissa Merida, Aaron Williams, Erin McCorkle, Laura Wilkins, Abby Johnson, Ashley Martin, and Payton Barger

Guests present: Ray Haley, Library employment attorney

CALL TO ORDER

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

Oath of Office:

Pamela Poe took the Oath of Office for her reappointment to the Board.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval and signing of Board minutes for March 4 meeting*
- B. Approval of Bills and Invoices paid*
- C. Set Board meeting for May 6*

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

Seconded by: Mr. Burks

Motion: approved unanimously

PUBLIC INPUT

Jessica English, former employee, read a statement regarding her termination.

PERSONNEL

Librarian Jessica English was terminated on March 27.

Ben Wright has been hired as a part-time Safety Officer.

Payton Barger introduced Nicole Hasenour, one of this semester's practicum students. The practicum students assist with social services in the Library as part of earning their degree.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Merida and Melinda Borie will attend the PLA Conference in Columbus, Ohio this week. Preparations are continuing for Summer Reading and the Dr. David West Reynolds exhibit. Galena will be closed on Kickoff day (May 11) but will have their own Summer Reading Kickoff on June 1.

The Book Gardens will go in soon, and a new storywalk is being prepared for Hammersmith Park.

The County is moving forward with the old Edwardsville School project. The building is not in good shape right now, but is being gifted to the County.
Abby Johnson reported on proposed programming for pride month. The Library has been invited to run the Family Fun area at the Southern Indiana Pride Festival this year.
Ms. Merida and Ms. Fortner are continuing to work on new job descriptions as discussed at the previous meeting.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Mr. Whaley reported the Foundation's investment balance was \$591,309.94 in January.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Update Internal Controls – tabled:

This item will continue to be tabled.

Carnegie Library Cultural Arts Center Logo – tabled:

Mr. Burks moved: That this item be brought forward for discussion.

Seconded by: Mr. Whaley

Motion: approved unanimously

Mr. Burks moved: That Option #1 be selected as the logo.

Seconded by: Ms. Carruthers

Ayes: Mr. Burks, Ms. Carruthers, Mr. Whaley, Ms. Ziady

Nays: Ms. Poe (prefers Option #2)

Motion: approved

NEW BUSINESS

Quarterly PLAC report:

There were no PLAC cards sold this quarter.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Whaley moved: That the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by: Mr. Burks

Motion: approved unanimously

Reviewed and approved by Board of Trustees.....May 6, 2024

Pamela D. Poe

Anna Carruthers

Amy Nigmeier

Steven Burks

