

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NEW ALBANY-FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
FEBRUARY 3, 2025

Presiding Officer: Kate Ziady, President

Board Members present: Ann Carruthers, Erica Lawrence, Amy Niemeier, Pamela Poe, and Roger Whaley

Board Members absent: Steve Burks

Staff Members present: Melissa Merida, Sandra Fortner, Erin McCorkle, Luis Munoz, Abby Johnson, and Ashley Martin

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order in the Strassweg Auditorium at 5:40 pm.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval and signing of Board and Finance minutes of January 15*
- B. Approval of Bills and Invoices paid*
- C. Set Board meeting for March 3*

Mr. Whaley moved: That the consent agenda be approved.
Seconded by: Ms. Niemeier
Motion: approved unanimously

PUBLIC INPUT

None

PERSONNEL

There are two new hires. Librarian Assistant Kelly Howard starts February 10. Youth Services Librarian Elizabeth Garrison will start March 3. A Museum Educator has not been hired yet.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Merida, Payton Barger, and Aaron Williams attended Statehouse Day today. They were able to meet with several of our local representatives. SB 283, which would have defunded libraries' tax levy, did not make it out of committee. Unfortunately the proposed state budget will cut all funding from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, and cut 20-30% from the State Library. Ms. Merida and the admin team are working on completing state reporting that is due soon. The Recbar Readers program begins on February 15. Abby Johnson reported that a collection of Youth Read Alongs was added last week. These are picture books with a built-in rechargeable audio player that reads the book aloud.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Mr. Whaley reported on numbers from the Foundation’s annual meeting. The initial investment balance in 2017 was \$390,446.21, and the balance at the end of 2024 was \$684,639.05. The Foundation gives the Library a portion of the profits (typically \$8,000 to \$10,000) each year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Update Internal Controls – Social Services mail delivery:

The policy for Social Services mail delivery is on hold until more conversations can take place with the Homeless Coalition. It will be brought back to the Board when it is ready.

NEW BUSINESS

Cancellation of warrants:

This is a new process from State Board of Accounts for checks that go uncashed for years. Under the new process, the Library is allowed to redeposit the money instead of sending it to Indiana Unclaimed. The check on this report is from 2022.

Ms. Lawrence moved: That the Cancellation of Warrants be approved.

Seconded by: Ms. Niemeier

Motion: approved unanimously

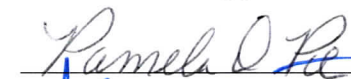
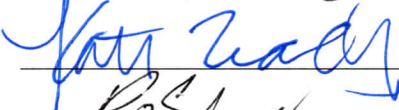
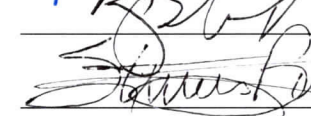
ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Niemeier moved: That the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by: Ms. Carruthers

Motion: approved unanimously

Reviewed and approved by Board of Trustees.....March 3, 2025

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