

MINUTES
Board of Trustees
Edwardsville Public Library

Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2023
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Library

A. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members:

Robert LaRose called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present:

Denué
DeSpain
Lafikes
LaRose
McLean
Nunn

Members Absent:

Harrison
Jumper
Powell

B. Introduction of Guests:

Library Director, Jill Schardt
Development and Outreach Librarian, Cary Harvengt

C. Public Comment:

None

D. Presentation to or Discussion with the Board:

None

E. Disposition of Regular Meeting and Special Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Rob Nunn, seconded by Michael McLean, to approve the board meeting minutes from March 22, 2023.

Motion carried.

Motion by Rob Nunn, seconded by Gary Denué, to approve the special board meeting minutes from April 18, 2023.

Motion carried.

F. Communications:

Jill received a card with a donation for Spanish-language books for Stories on the Move. This individual wanted to contribute to Alpha Delta Kappa's support of the project.

The Library received an email complaint about “The Rainbow Parade” by Emily Neilson stating that the book contains “sexually explicit content”. The individual was sent the paperwork to file a formal request for reconsideration/removal.

G. Committee Reports:

1) *Facilities*

Western has completed the work on the building. The original contract sum was \$56,378, but the final cost was \$46,914 after the change order to water wash only. No chemicals were used on the limestone.

Discussion on plans for Community Meeting Room.

Motion by Michael McLean, seconded by Gary Denué, to approve the estimated cost to remodel the Community Meeting Room in the amount of up to \$125,000.

Roll call:

Denué - yes
DeSpain - yes
Lafikes – yes
Nunn - yes
McLean - yes
LaRose - yes

Motion carried

2) *Personnel*

Motion by Chris Lafikes, seconded by Gary Denué, to affirm hiring Diana Brawley Sussman as Director at an annual salary of \$97,000.

Roll call:

Denué - yes
DeSpain - yes
Lafikes – yes
Nunn - yes
McLean - yes
LaRose - yes

Motion carried

The Board and Jill discussed the Head Librarian of Adult Services vacancy and decided that the top candidate should speak to Diana Brawley Sussman before being extended an offer.

Motion by Chris Lafikes, seconded by Gary Denué, to give Jill Schardt the pay increase for non-contract employees that will be approved by City Council on May 1.

Roll call:

Denué - yes
DeSpain - yes
Lafikes – yes
Nunn - yes
McLean - yes

LaRose - yes
Motion carried

3) *Policy*
None

4) *Finance*

Motion by Jessica DeSpain, seconded by Michael McLean, to approve the End of Year - Sine Die bills in the amount of \$82,294.13.

Roll call:

Denué - yes
DeSpain - yes
Lafikes – yes
Nunn - yes
McLean - yes
LaRose - yes

Motion carried

Motion by Jessica DeSpain, seconded by Michael McLean, to approve the April Pre-paid **Bills** in the amount of \$142,593.38.

Roll call:

Denué - yes
DeSpain - yes
Lafikes – yes
Nunn - yes
McLean - yes
LaRose - yes

Motion carried

Motion by Jessica DeSpain, seconded by Michael McLean, to approve the April **Bills to the City Clerk** in the amount of \$611.71.

Roll call:

Denué - yes
DeSpain - yes
Lafikes – yes
Nunn – yes
McLean - yes
LaRose - yes

Motion carried

5) *Nominating*

Jessica DeSpain presented the Nominating Committee’s slate of officers for board review and vote, complying with bylaws that specify an April board meeting election.

Motion by Rob Nunn, seconded by Chris Lafikes, to appoint the following board members as officers:

- President – Bob LaRose
- Vice President – Jessica DeSpain
- Secretary – Kim Harrison

Motion carried.

6) *Executive*
None

7) *Ad Hoc Committees*
None

H. ELF Liaison Report

None

I. Library Director’s Report

Jill reported that Jamie Pence will be appointed to the Board at the City Council meeting on May 2, 2023.

She also gave the board an update on Illinois House Bill 2789.

J. Unfinished Business

None

K. New Business

Jill presented the FY 2022/23 Board Meeting dates for approval, with no meeting in December.

2023

May 31

June 28

July 26

August 30

September 27

October 25

November 29

No December Meeting

2024

January 31

February 28

March 27

April 24

Motion by Michael McLean, seconded by Jessica DeSpain, to set the FY 2023-2024 Board Meeting dates as detailed above.

Motion carried.

The State of Illinois requires the Board to pass an annual motion to confirm that the library participates in a non-resident program and to confirm the method used to determine fees.

Motion by Michael McLean, seconded by Jessica DeSpain, to confirm that the library does participate in the non-resident program and that the library uses the tax bill method to determine fees. Non-Resident fees for renters will remain at 10% of monthly rent.

Roll call

Denué - yes

DeSpain - yes

Lafikes – yes

Nunn - yes

McLean - yes

LaRose - yes

Motion carried

L. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Gary Denué, seconded by Rob Nunn. The meeting was adjourned by Robert LaRose at 8:35 pm.