

MINUTES
Board of Trustees
Edwardsville Public Library

Date: Wednesday, August 29, 2018
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Meeting Room

A. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members:

President Bob LaRose called the regular board meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members Present:

Gary Denué
Kim Harrison
Chris Lafikes
Bob LaRose
JoAnn Nabe
Sharon Whittaker
Gloria Zupanci

Absent:

Pete Fornof
Francie Powell

B. Introduction of guests:

Library Director, Jill Schardt; Collection Development Coordinator, Cary Harvengt; and Head Librarian of Youth Services, Megan Prueter.

C. Public Comment:

None.

D. Disposition of Minutes:

Motion by Kim Harrison, seconded by JoAnn Nabe, to approve the board meeting minutes for July 25th, 2018.

Motion carried.

E. Communications:

None.

F. Committee Reports:

1) *Building*

Jill reported:

- A contract was signed with Joe Hutton this week. Joe visited the library and viewed the 1990 building plans and will begin assisting us by inspecting the building and recommending action to the Board in the near future.
- The new 3D people counter will be installed in September.

- As requested by Jill, the cleaning crew did a deep clean of the bathroom floors. It looks somewhat better. Some of the high traffic areas of the library need extra attention and Jill plans on meeting with Donna Hoover to discuss what needs to be done.

2) *Personnel*

None.

3) *ELFs*

Sharon reported:

- The ELFs are running a “Back to School” children’s book sale through August.
- The ELFs are receptive to help fund upgrades to the patio area, Carnegie’s, and the teen room. They will vote on contributions after library staff present them with final plans.
- The ELFs sell books to three outside vendors to make additional money for the library. In July, they received \$125 through these sales.

4) *Finance*

Motion by JoAnn Nabe, seconded by Kim Harrison, to approve the pre-paid bills in the amount of \$74,078.03.

Roll call:

Gary Denué – yes
 Kim Harrison – yes
 Chris Lafikes – yes
 JoAnn Nabe – yes
 Sharon Whittaker – yes
 Gloria Zupanci – yes
 Bob LaRose – yes

Motion carried.

Motion by JoAnn Nabe, seconded by Kim Harrison, to approve the bills to the City Clerk in the amount of \$30,260.20.

Roll call:

Gary Denué – yes
 Kim Harrison – yes
 Chris Lafikes – yes
 JoAnn Nabe – yes
 Sharon Whittaker – yes
 Gloria Zupanci – yes
 Bob LaRose – yes

Motion carried.

G. Ad Hoc Committee – Strategic Planning:

Gary reported:

- Gary passed out a summary detailing 3 goals agreed upon by the committee for full board approval. These brief goals will provide structure for staff action points going forward, and be flexible enough to accommodate any changes made in the future:

1. Create an inviting space
2. Increase awareness through community engagement
3. Expand library borders

Motion by Gary Denué, seconded by Chris Lafikes, to approve the 3 Goals as written.

Motion carried.

Any further discussion by the committee will be conducted via email unless a future meeting is needed to discuss possible focus groups.

H. Policy Committee:

Jill and Megan presented a draft of a “Policy on Confidentiality of Library Records.” The board decided that further discussion and editing should take place by the Policy Committee before full board review and vote. The topic was tabled and will be reviewed at a later date.

Jill presented updated verbiage for our 3D Printer Policy to include “weapon accessories” to the items that the Board will not permit to be printed.

Motion by Kim Harrison, seconded by Chris Lafikes, to approve the revision to the 3D Printer Policy as written.

Motion carried.

Kim summarized the first policy committee meeting, which was productive. A staff committee will draft proposed policy changes, and Jill will present updated items to the Board committee before taking to the full board for review and vote. Jill proposed, and the Board agreed, to create a permanent **Policy Committee** so that library policies can be reviewed by rotation on an ongoing basis. Bob reminded the board that any new committee is also subject to the Open Meetings Act if three board members are present.

Motion by Gloria Zupanci, seconded by Kim Harrison, to approve creation of a permanent Policy Committee.

Motion carried.

I. Illinois Heartland Library System:

None.

J. Library Director’s Report:

Jill reported:

- The per capita grant check has been received in the amount of \$33,288.75.
- Jill has completed her FOIA and OMA training.
- Jill highlighted our monthly report from Hoopla, which is still growing in popularity. Audio books are still the most popular, 92% of circulation was done on mobile devices, and the “on-demand” service option is pushing circulation numbers up.
- Jill has met with six City aldermen so far. While the aldermen expressed their support for the library and believe it is an asset to the community, the timing is not ideal for a referendum to expand the library building. The Board agreed that we will focus on building community relationships, continue outreach, and make a priorities list for building improvements that shouldn’t wait. The building expansion will be discussed again in 3-5 years.

K. Unfinished Business:

None.

L. New Business

Election of Board Officers:

Bob created a **Nominating Committee** to present a slate of nominees for the September meeting for officer election: Chris Lafikes-Chair, Francie Powell, and Sharon Whittaker. This permanent committee will meet as needed depending on bylaw revisions. Cary will forward current policy on nominating officers for Chris and Bob’s review.

Restructuring of Committees:

Bob proposed that a new, permanent **Executive Committee** be created to be a sounding board for the Director in formulating certain proposals for full board review. The Board agreed and Bob stated that the committee will always be comprised of the three current Board officers: President, Vice President, and Secretary.

Bob restructured other current committees as follows:

Personnel Committee

Gary Denué, Chair
Sharon Whittaker
Gloria Zupanci

Finance Committee

Kim Harrison, Chair
Gary Denué
JoAnn Nabe

Facilities Committee

Francie Powell, Chair
Chris Lafikes
Gloria Zupanci

Policy Committee

Kim Harrison, Chair
Gary Denué
JoAnn Nabe

Nominating Committee

Chris Lafikes, Chair
Francie Powell
Sharon Whittaker

Executive Committee

Always comprised of 3
current Board officers:
President / VP / Secretary

Strategic Planning Committee (Ad Hoc)

Gary Denué, Chair
Kim Harrison
Chris Lafikes

M. Presentation to Board

None.

N. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Sharon Whittaker, seconded by Chris Lafikes. The meeting was adjourned by President LaRose at 8:57 pm.