

MINUTES
Board of Trustees
Edwardsville Public Library

Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2022
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Library

A. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members:

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

Present:

Denué
DeSpain
Lafikes
LaRose
McLean
Nunn
Powell

Members Absent:

Duncan
Harrison

B. Introduction of Guests:

Library Director Jill Schardt

C. Public Comment:

None

D. Disposition of Regular Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Gary Denué, seconded by Francie Powell, to approve the board meeting minutes from May 25, 2022.

Motion carried.

E. Communications:

Jill read several letters and emails expressing concern about drag queen story times in local libraries. There was also one email inquiring whether the library had any displays for Pride month.

The Per Capita Grant award letter arrived. The award amount is \$39,541.80, an increase of \$260 over last year based on the population change.

F. Committee Reports:

1) Facilities

Fire Chief Whiteford had expressed concern about accessing the boiler room, server room, and staff room in the event of a fire. The quote from Village Locksmith to change the three code keypads to keypads with a key override is \$2.6k. Jill discussed the cost with the Chief,

and instead of switching out the keypads, the code for the keypads will be stored with the library key in the lockbox in case of emergency.

2) *Personnel*

Four new circulation staff members have started, and one is in the pre-employment process with the City. Beth Garcia has resigned to start a full-time position. COVID continues to impact staffing.

A student in EHS's CASTLE program has started volunteering as a page this summer.

The library's social work intern from SIUE has resigned from her internship for health reasons. The position is already posted for the January – August 2023 program.

A staff person at the library was picking up items that were left on the floor of a quiet study room and had their skin punctured by a syringe needle. The accident report was filed and the City is handling the incident.

3) *Policy*

City Council did approve the two new holiday for non-contract employees at the council meeting on June 7, 2022, so Juneteenth and Christmas Eve were officially added to the personnel code for the library.

The board had a preliminary discussion on SB 3497 Fee Waiver for Non-resident Minors. This law is in effect, but the guidance has not yet been issued on how this will be enacted. The board will wait until guidance is issued to discuss further.

The Library and ECUSD7 are discussing an IGA for the non-resident areas of District 7. The goal is for each student in the district to have access to a public library. Bob LaRose established an ad hoc committee to work with Jill on this initiative, comprised of the following trustees: Allen Duncan, Chris Lafikes, Francie Powell, Rob Nunn and Bob LaRose.

4) *Finance*

Motion by Jessica DeSpain, seconded by Gary Denué, to approve the June **pre-paid bills** in the amount of \$88,950.40.

Roll call:

Denué
DeSpain
Lafikes
McLean
Nunn
Powell
LaRose

Motion carried

Motion by Jessica DeSpain, seconded by Gary Denué, to approve the June Bills to the City Clerk in the amount of \$33,051.56

Roll call:

Denué
DeSpain
Lafikes
McLean
Nunn
Powell
LaRose

Motion carried

5) *Nominating*
None

6) *Executive*
None

7) *Ad Hoc Committees*
None

G. ELF Liaison

Jacob reported the following in his board report:

The ELFS are very interested in starting up ELF-led programming for members. They're interested in having a Crafternoon hosted by library staff or themed talks.

The ELFs are also exploring possibilities for taking credit card payments for used books at Carnegie's. Tracey Layng-Awasthi and Evelyn Shermer are proponents for getting a Square credit card reader.

H. Library Director's Report

Jill reported:

Tax bills were sent out and the library's new multiplier is 0.001656 vs. prior year of 0.001691. The EAV went from \$888M to \$931M.

Edwardsville Township had a Lunch and Learn that she attended and spoke about what EPL is doing to try to serve patrons experiencing homelessness. She also discussed the ACT Community Action Grant application to receive bus tokens for individuals reentering after serving time at Madison County Jail. Glen Ed Pantry is interested in being the 501c3 to submit the application.

I. Unfinished Business

None

J. Presentation to or Discussion with the Board

None

K. New Business

Jill presented a summary of this year's IPLAR to the board, including a comparison to the last three fiscal years.

Motion by Rob Nunn, seconded by Francie Powell, to approve the submission of the FY 21-22 IPLAR.

Roll call:

Denué

DeSpain

Lafikes

McLean

Nunn

Powell

LaRose

Motion carried

Motion by Francie Powell, seconded by Gary Denué, to cancel the July 2022 meeting and approve the bills via email.

Motion carried

L. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Gary Denué, seconded by Chris Lafikes. The meeting was adjourned by Bob LaRose at 8:17 pm.