

Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library
109 S. State Street, Hampshire, IL 60140
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
January 23, 2023

Call to Order: President Barbara Brust called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:02 pm.

Present: Trustees Barbara Brust, Linda Drendel, Pat Dumoulin, Judy Pokorny, Linda Wallace, and Karen Williams.

Absent: None

Remote Attendance: Trustee Suzanne Lattanzio

Staff Members: Executive Director Stephen Bero, Youth Services Manager/Assistant Director Heather Swanson, and Recording Secretary Kimberly Luhman.

Public: Kim Alberth

Board voted to allow Trustee Lattanzio to attend the board meeting electronically. (5ILCS 120/77)

Pledge of Allegiance: President Brust led those gathered in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes/Corrections to the Agenda: None

Questions/Comments-Public/Media: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Trustee Wallace and second by Trustee Dumoulin to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on December 26, 2022. Minutes were approved by voice-vote consensus.

Treasurer's Report:

- A.** Approval of Bills for January 2023, and Payrolls for December 2022. Motion by Trustee Pokorny and second by Trustee Williams to approve January bills in the amount of \$28,566.50 and the December 2022 payrolls in the amount of \$45,346.03.

Ayes: Trustees Brust, Drendel, Dumoulin, Lattanzio, Pokorny, Wallace, and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

- B. Financial Report-Trustees reviewed the monthly Financial Report prepared by J. Scott Chilton, CPA.

Director's Report:

- A. Department Reports
- B. Circulation/Programming/Database Statistics
- C. PrairieCat notes-January 6, 2023
- D. Friends Minutes-January 3, 2023

Trustee Brust commented that the floral arrangements were just beautiful that the patrons made during a program that was led by the Adult Service department. Also, the displays on the end caps are nice and the children's area looks really inviting. A superb job done by everyone.

Trustee Williams loves the owl painting on the window in the children's department.

Friends of the library will be looking for a new President as Ron will be stepping down.

President's Report: Trustee Brust shared that Trustee Wallace has dedicated 28 years to the library board. Her years of service are greatly appreciated.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Per Capita Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2024.

Read and reviewed, acceptable for submission.

New Business:

- A. Semi-annual Review of Executive Session Minutes
 - 1. **Executive Session:** 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)- Discussion of minutes lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act
Ayes: Trustees Brust, Drendel, Dumoulin, Lattanzio, Pokorny, Wallace, and Williams
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Board returned to regular meeting at 8:03 pm.

- 2. **Action as a Result of Executive Session:** Motion by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Dumoulin to open and release Executive session meeting minutes and dispose of audio recording as presented.

Ayes: Trustees Brust, Drendel, Dumoulin, Lattanzio, Pokorny, Wallace and Williams
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Discussion: Trustee Williams thanked Trustee Dumoulin for a lovely holiday party.

Trustee Pokorny shared that she hopes the board continues to have the spirit and energy for a new search for property.

Executive Director Stephen Bero shared he would like the board to do an After-Action Report regarding looking for property. This would consist of what worked, what didn't work, what we would do differently and what did we learn?

Adjournment: President Brust adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

The next Regular Board Meeting is at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 27, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Luhman, Recording Secretary

Judith Pokorny, Board Secretary