

Bethalto Public Library District Board Meeting

February 11, 2021

*This meeting was held both in person and via Zoom.
The public was alerted to the Zoom meeting option on our Library's website.
The Zoom meeting was added due to COVID-19 social distancing standards set in place by Governor Pritzker.*

The meeting was called to order by Pat Beiermann at 7:03pm.

Present: Pat Beiermann, Ruby Bryan, Felicia Kohlberg (via zoom), Trish Stemmley (via zoom),
Mary Walker (via zoom), Shana Wright
Absent: Susan Yeager
Also present: Mary Brewster - Director (via zoom), Paula Tretter – Assistant Director

Motion 1: It was moved by Bryan and seconded by Stemmley that the minutes of the meeting of
January 14, 2021 be approved as written.

Ayes: Beiermann, Bryan, Kohlberg, Stemmley, Walker, Wright

Nays: none

Absent: Yeager

Motion 2: It was moved by Wright and seconded by Bryan that bills in the amount of \$30,250.35 be
paid.

Ayes: Beiermann, Bryan, Kohlberg, Stemmley, Walker, Wright

Nays: none

Absent: Yeager

REPORTS

The Financial report was presented by Mary Brewster.

The Librarian's report was presented by Mary Brewster and Paula Tretter. (See file.)

COMMUNICATIONS

COMMITTEES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 7: It was moved by Kohlberg and seconded by Bryan to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm.

Ayes: Beiermann, Bryan, Kohlberg, Stemmley, Walker, Wright

Nays: none

Absent: Yeager

Director and Assistant Director's Report

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Communications

- Attorney Andrew Carruthers sent a letter informing the library that he has accepted a position with the Madison County State's Attorney's office. He will no longer be able to represent or provide legal advice. He recommends Attorney Patrick King of the MillerKing Law Firm in Alton.

Report

- Fire Safety Inc. of Wood River installed the cellular monitoring equipment for the existing fire alarm system in January 2021.
- Brad Labertew completed the installation of the three Wi-Fi access points on the exterior of the library building for the Illinois State Library Drive-in Wi-Fi @ Bethalto Library grant in January 2021.
 - We may need a new router installed to keep our staff computers separate from the patron Wi-Fi access. Brad is looking at various options.
- The Illinois Unemployment rate increased for 2021 – from 6.25% to 6.75%
- The IMRF employer rate increased for 2021 – from 9.38% to 9.47%
- The library reopened on a limited first come first serve basis on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 – 10 patron capacity, 30 minute visits, 2 computers available. Patrons ring the doorbell to be let in the building.
 - A big thank you to our staff members who prepped the library to have patrons in the building again!
- A kids activity bag for February is available now – Thanks Becka!
- AARP will be preparing taxes this year on Wednesdays from February 17th to April 7th. Patrons may call the library to sign-up for an appointment. Patrons will drop off their paperwork to an AARP volunteer in the Little House at their appointment time. A pick up appointment will then be scheduled for later in the day. AARP volunteers will prepare the returns in the Little House, one per room.
- Book Club is going virtual. Thanks to Paula and Daniel & Meleea the library will host a Zoom Book Club meeting on March 2nd for the last book read but never discussed – *I'll Be Gone in the Dark* by Michelle McNamara. Copies of the next book will be ordered in ready for pickup later this month.
- Both of the check signers will be retiring from the Board of Trustees in May 2021. Changing signatories may take some time so it would be useful to have at least one additional person on the accounts before May.
- Go over the Per Capita Grant readings – all chapter checklist of *Serving Our Public 4.0*.