

Bethalto Public Library District Board Meeting

June 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Shana Wright at 7:10pm.

Present: Felicia Kohlberg, Trish Stemmley, Kristy Walker, Shana Wright
Absent: Ruby Bryan
Also present: Mary Brewster – Director

Motion 1: It was moved by Kohlberg and seconded by Stemmley that bills in the amount of \$24,897.31 be paid.

Ayes: Kohlberg, Stemmley, Walker, Wright
Nays: none
Absent: Bryan

REPORTS

The Financial report was presented by Mary Brewster, Director.
The Librarian's report was presented by Mary Brewster. (See File)

COMMUNICATIONS

COMMITTEES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 2: It was moved by Walker and seconded by Wright to adopt COVID-19 responses listed in Director's Report including no masks required upstairs and requiring masks downstairs for everyone, staff and patrons.

Ayes: Kohlberg, Stemmley, Walker, Wright
Nays: none
Absent: Bryan

Motion 3: It was moved by Stemmley and seconded by Kohlberg to adopt Ordinance 2021-1, setting the time and place of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for FY22.

Ayes: Kohlberg, Stemmley, Walker, Wright
Nays: none
Absent: Bryan

Motion 4: It was moved by Wright and seconded by Walker to adopt Ordinance 2021-2, to levy and assess a tax of .02% for building and maintenance purposes for FY22.

Ayes: Kohlberg, Stemmley, Walker, Wright
Nays: none
Absent: Bryan

Motion 5: It was moved to close the meeting at 8:01pm.
Passed with all ayes.

Director's Report

1. The April 18, 2021 board meeting minutes need to be voted on again as there need to be four votes to pass.
2. Keith Kerkemeyer resigned effective June 9, 2021. He is taking a full time job in computer IT in St. Louis. A "We're Hiring" post will appear on social media and the library's website on June 9, 2021 for the Clerk position. We may need to hire two people as Keith was working extra hours.
3. The summer reading program is going strong!
 - 178 readers in Beanstack
 - 75 rewards received (Bookcart of Lil' Goodies)
 - Families happy to have activities in the library's kids space
 - 38 crayon hunt participants
 - 39 obstacle course participants
 - 44 Messy Hands Blow Painting participants
 - Taken home:
 - 47 The Incredibles 2 movie bags
 - 25 Coco movie bags
 - 49 rainbow craft bags
 - 30 stained glass pasta craft bags
4. Arrange times for the following meetings this month:
 - Trish and Felicia as the two check signers to visit the Associated Bank branch in Bethalto together with me to update the paperwork for both accounts.
 - The Budget Committee to meet to finalize the FY22 budget. This will need to be on display July to August for 30 days, with the budget hearing and budget ordinance approval held at either the August or September board meetings.
 - The Building Committee to meet regarding the existing issues of roof, windows, parking lot, etc.
5. COVID-19 Pandemic response changes:
 - Masks – follow CDC guidelines throughout building, or still require masks to be worn in the Kids Space on the lower level
 - Based on CDC Guidelines, if you are fully vaccinated, masks are optional
 - The CDC advises individuals who are not fully vaccinated to continue wearing masks
 - Visit time limits – remove all time limits
 - Seating – bring back all the chairs
 - Water fountains – allow use (a fellow library director received guidance from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity that water fountains are permitted)
 - Computers – bring back the OPAC, but keep the number of patron computers at three to continue to allow for social distancing
 - Programs – allow programs indoors, like the monthly Book Club meetings (summer reading programs are currently "messy" and need to be outdoors)
 - Plexiglass – keep up
 - Hand sanitizer floor stands – keep out on the floor