

Bethalto Public Library District Board Meeting

September 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Shana Wright at 7:02pm.

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

Motion 1: It was moved by Walker and seconded by Stemmley that the minutes of the meeting of August 12, 2021 be approved as written.

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

Motion 2: It was moved by Bryan and seconded by Walker that bills in the amount of \$28,894.23 be paid.

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

REPORTS

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

COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMITTEES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 3: It was moved by Walker and seconded by Stemmley to approve Ordinance 2021-3, Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

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

Motion 4: It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm.
Passed with all ayes.

Director's Report

1. Upcoming events
 - Used Book Sale – Saturday, September 25, 2021
 - 3rd Annual IHLS Library Crawl – Monday, September 27 – Sunday October 17, 2021
 - Spooktacular – Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 4:00-6:00pm
2. The library went into curbside only mode on Wednesday, August 25th due to staff shortages. (One staff member out due to COVID-19, no other staff available to fill in, including myself as I had a medical appointment in St. Louis).
3. On August 30, 2021 we began requiring masks be worn in the library building due to the following announcement from Governor Pritzker on August 26, 2021:
To slow the spread of the highly transmissible COVID-19 Delta variant, all Illinois residents over the age of two will be required to wear a mask in all indoor settings, effective Monday, August 30th. The requirement is applicable to both vaccinated and unvaccinated residents statewide.
4. Hired Alex Johnson as a Library Clerk. She started on August 19, 2021.
5. Custom Home Elevator of St. Louis performed the annual maintenance check on the lift and everything passed.
6. Due to the power outage that occurred during the last board meeting we noticed that several of our emergency exit signs were not lit up correctly. I called Fire Safety Inc. of Wood River to come check all of them. They were able to install new batteries in several, but three signs and one set of lights on the lower level were too old and need to be replaced. Fire Safety Inc. delivered the equipment but does not do electrical installations. I will be contacting GRP|Wegman for this.
7. We have acrylic magazine boxes stored in the old basement. These were used when we had a larger collection of juvenile magazines. The magazines did not circulate well and we removed them from our order last year. I would like to offer most of these boxes for sale to other libraries. Currently Mag Boxes sell for \$65 to \$93 new. Some of ours are broken, but many are in good condition.
8. For the Illinois Public Library Per Capita Grant due on January 15, 2022:
To be eligible for a per capita grant, a public library shall show that it will either meet or show progress toward meeting the Illinois library standards as most recently adopted by the Illinois Library Association (75 ILCS 10/8.1). A grant applicant with below standard performance levels must raise or improve its performance levels in relation to the standards according to the objectives, time frames and priorities the library shall state in the application and which are consistent with the terms of the plan of service of the system of which it is a member. (23 ILAC 3035.115) The Library Director and the Board of Trustees shall review the entirety of Serving Our Public 4.0: Standards for Illinois Public Libraries. To complete this application, refer to the checklist at the conclusion of each chapter.

Please review

- Chapters 1-5 for the October 14, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting
- Chapters 6-10 for the November 11, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting
- Chapters 11-13 for the December 9, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting